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THE CANYON COMMUNITY STILTING GROUP long-legs it down Solano Avenue at the opening parade Sunday.

Solano Stroll still stunning at age 25

STAFF REPORT

From bashful Cub Scouts dressed in pressed blue uniforms, twirled scarves and button caps, to the lusty Madame Ovary and her wink-and-blink puppet tales, the Solano Stroll successfully mixed oil and water, red, white, and blue.

The day rolled in through the Golden Gate, wrapped in a chilly fog. As the crowd grew, the sky cleared and the aroma of cuisine from two dozen nations spun in clouds and currents up and down Solano Avenue.

The parade and stroll marked the silver anniversary of the event, celebrated this year on Sunday, Sept. 12.

Among a horde of others, a unicyclist sporting head-to-foot pink tights, silver cape and an impish grin mysteriously appeared on three occasions during the hour-long morning parade.

Then there was the Grand Marshall himself, Long John Silver with his beard, eye patch, and "nagging wife," too, though someone from Berkeley apparently pirated her megaphone, much to Long John's chagrin.

Long John, who wanted to prove he was no macho man, flopped about like a fish out of water.

Nevertheless the estranged couple rolled down the avenue in tropical splendor, skulls and crossbones, palm trees and buccaneers by their sides.

Many of those who joined the parade in silver-themed garb seemed to enjoy the affair more than the masses at curbside. Ultimately the merchants performed the best trick of all, delighting in the multitudes who spent small change and big money during the affair.

One hundred thousand people whirled and pearly in currents running east and west. Yet despite the overflow crowd, there were no serious incidents, except perhaps the premature appearance of the Y2K Bug and local politicians rolling down the street well before an election year.



RINA DA QUINA is a dancing hood ornament on the www.cyberbuss.com bus, one of several 'art cars' in the parade and on display at the 25th annual street fair.

Families and friends listened to blues and bluegrass, funk and nuevo cancion, zydeco and folk music, Professor Gizmo, and the Royal Hawaiian Ukulele Band.

There were Brazilian dancers of all ages in bikinis and less, and the El Cerrito Gaucho Marching Band. As the parade stretched from one end of Solano to the other, buccaneers cruised on bicycles, followed by dogs with sequined bibs. Boxers and poodles itched — but

not for a fight — waving their tails at the adoring crowd.

During the promenade, a young woman performed miraculous stunts on horseback. There she was, gallantly doing daring deeds as her trustworthy steed strutted down the street. With stoic resolve, the youngster stood, the crowd silenced by her bravery. For a moment she

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Swim center plan advances

How to finance \$4.9 million reconstruction is the issue

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Be careful what you ask for, you might just get it.

The co-chairs of the Services for the 21st Century Committee of the Whole frequently encourage any and all citizens of the city to attend the group's meetings — last week a number of new faces showed up and pushed through a vote in support of a \$4.9 million plan to reconstruct the swim center.

"The final vote is 11 yes, 7 no and 6 abstained," reported committee Co-chair Anne Delehunt after counting up the roll-call vote. The motion was for the Committee of the Whole to recommend that the City Council adopt the recommended reconstruction plan developed by the swim center consultants.

"I think it might be worth noting that with the regular members of the Committee of the Whole, that there were approximately only two, I think, yes votes," Delehunt added.

Committee member, swim center advocate, and Park and Recreation Commissioner Harvey Wittenberg immediately responded: "Can you define a

Council accepts plan

At a lengthy meeting before a packed house Monday the City Council voted 5-0 to accept the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Commission and adopt the Swim Center Master Plan.

The meeting attracted a standing room only audience to the council chambers, including many swimmers and others involved with programs at the pool who made a plea for approving the plan.

A second vote, 4-1 with Councilman Larry Damon opposed, will set up a task force to discuss financing the \$4.9 million renovation and trying to get a measure on the ballot next March that the required 2/3 of voters will find acceptable. More details in next week's Journal.

regular member of the Committee of the Whole please."

Including city staff and out-of-town observers interested in the swim center,

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Streamlined permit process hits speed bump in Albany

By James Carter

ALBANY — The City Council spent the better part of two hours Sept. 7 debating a proposed new ordinance ostensibly designed to "speed up" the process for approving several permits now granted by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The proposal was ultimately sent back to staff for clarifications and other changes.

At issue was the process for granting permits, specific requirements outlined in such agreements, and language contained in the proposed ordinance.

The debate was clouded somewhat by the inclusion of three different permit issues in the proposed ordinance. Though several speakers supported specific changes affecting permits for business signs, they were often not so sure about other matters.

After a thorough debate and a number of comments from members of the community, the council voted 4-0, with one abstention, to return the measure to staff.

Councilmen Jon Ely, Allan Morris, Ed McManus, and Mayor Peggy Thomsen voted aye, while Councilman Robert Good abstained.

Debate over the proposal

Prior to the vote, Community Development Director Ann Chaney offered ar-

guments favoring passage of the resolution.

She also presented the majority opinion of the Planning and Zoning Commission, which essentially argued that the permit process for "minor projects" could be streamlined by allowing Chaney to make decisions without the approval of the commission.

Glen Elder supported provisions making it easier for businesses to get new sign permits, but opposed another that would prevent the commission from reviewing proposed home addition projects.

He later said it has "taken a really long time — since February," to try and make it easier for sign permits to be issued.

"For some reason they wanted to combine all three elements: home occupancy, building additions, and the signs," he said, adding, "Businesses are really concerned about the signs. And now, once again, it's hung up."

Merchant Carol Walker shared his sense of frustration.

Real estate broker Jerome Blank urged the council to pass the ordinance — at least as it affected sign permits. The former mayor said sign permit delays cost businesses money and delay new firms from settling in Albany.

Center of a storm

Yet it was a proposal that would allow

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The real Bay guardians will hit the beaches Saturday

By Marc Albert

Few things are more relaxing than a lazy Saturday at the beach. But this Saturday there won't be much relaxing or laziness on beaches across the state as volunteers comb the shoreline for garbage tossed out by careless Californians.

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Locally, volunteers will congregate at four sites between Fremont and Oakland and along the Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany shorelines.

"Just about everything you can think of is there. There are tires and shopping carts, furniture, soda and water bottles, plastic bags and old toys," said Cindy Tambini an official with the Alameda County Public Works Department.

Sponsored by the California Coastal Commission, the 15-year-old event raises awareness and removes hazards to wildlife. Last year, citizens pulled nearly 29 tons of trash from 11 sites along San Francisco Bay in Alameda and Contra Costa County. Along with 1,400 pounds of recyclables, about 700 tires were pulled from the bay. Small pieces of Styrofoam

and plastic swallowed by fish and birds can choke and kill them.

Patty Donald, the Berkeley coordinator, said 1998 brought in a new record — 25,361 pieces of broken glass along a 3/4 mile stretch of Berkeley's shoreline. Joe Camel also left his mark — 16,562 cigarette butts were recovered. Cigarette butts are highly toxic to young birds. When building nests birds use whatever material is available, and nests have been sighted made mainly from discarded butts.

Another oddity facing Berkeley officials are dead turtles turning up in the city's Aquatic Park. Donald believes residents release pet turtles at the park or into city creeks that wash the turtles down to the park not knowing that the lagoon is salty and toxic to the freshwa-

ter reptiles. If live turtles are found they are offered for adoption before being euthanized.

Among the stranger items found were a coconut with currency from the island of Fiji nearby a department store baby mannequin, and a boot belonging to the famous Snoopy sculpture in the Berkeley mud-flats. The heroic World War I flying ace still vigilantly protects the East Bay from his arch rival the Red Baron, whose likeness was washed away in a 1980s storm.

Water filtration company Brita, another sponsor of the event offers a \$500 reward for the strangest items found. Last year a message in a bottle from a Russian sailor found on Angel Island won the Northern California prize, while an elaborately decorated rat "coffin" captured

the prize down south.

Participants are asked to dress in layers and wear sturdy work clothes. A limited supply of gloves will be available, so persons with work gloves should bring their own.

Teams will assemble in Albany at the foot of Buchanan Street at the Albany beach next to the eucalyptus tree. Groups will gather in Berkeley behind Seabreeze Market at University Avenue and Frontage Road and at the northwest end of Aquatic Park.

Or join the West County Sierra Club group to clean up the coast along new parkland at Pt. Isabel. Take Central Ave. exit off Interstate 80 (El Cerrito), head west on Central to the Pt. Isabel Regional

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WORTH CHECKING OUT

St. Alban's Bazaar

Just in time to supply newly-arrived collegians and community families with household necessities, the 18th annual bazaar of St. Alban's Episcopal Church will be held Saturday, Sept. 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the church grounds, 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. Parish volunteers have been busy all year sorting and pricing donations for the event. One room will feature children's clothing and toys of all kinds. Adult clothing and a boutique will be found in separate rooms. Large appliances, furniture and plans will be found on the patio, where shoppers will find a home-baked sale and a snack bar. The parish will be taken over by kitchenware, china, linens, books, small appliances, electronics, tapes, software and collector's items. You can call 525-1716 for more information.

Cub Scout registration

Open registration for Albany Cub Scouts is being held on Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Boys from first through fifth grade are welcome to join. Parents wanting information can feel free to drop in at Veterans Building at Memorial Park in Albany. Opportunities for leadership skills, teamwork, family fun outings such as camping, nature hikes and a "Pinewood Derby."

Richmond Greenway tour

Everyone is invited Sept. 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to a tour of the Richmond Greenway that will begin at its eastern end, at Baxter Creek next to Angelo's Deli (at MacDonald and Bissell) and will move westward into Richmond. CYCLE, a Richmond non-profit youth group, is

sponsoring the walk.

Sycamore Bazaar

Sycamore Congregational Church is holding its annual Sycamore Bazaar on Sunday, Sept. 19 at the church, 1111 Navellier St. in El Cerrito. The fun event features delicious Japanese foods, teriyaki chicken, baked goods, handicrafts, games and plants. Details: 527-0727.

Sign up for Martial Arts

The City of Albany Recreation and Community Services Department at 1249 Marin Ave. is currently taking registration for its martial arts program. The Director of the program is Pietro Maida, Sensei. Aikido classes for children are held Monday thru Friday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Aikido for Adults is held Monday thru Friday from 6 p.m. Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. Karate for Adults is held Tuesday and Thursday 7:30 p.m. thru 9 p.m. Visitors are welcome. Details: 524-9283.

Foyer art exhibit

The Albany Arts Committee announces the opening of an exhibit on Sept. 12 at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery featuring artwork by Darren Kessler. The show, "From a boy's eyes to a man's heart" features both oil paintings and charcoal and will run through December. The opening reception is Sunday, Sept. 12 from 4-6 p.m. Applications for future exhibits are available at the Albany Community Center, located at 1249 Marin Ave. Hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For

further information on selection criteria or the upcoming show, call Tanna Bellia at 524-9283.

New school dedications

The Albany Unified School District Board of Education has scheduled opening ceremonies for the new Albany Middle School and Ocean View Elementary School. Ocean View, at 1000 Jackson St., will be christened Saturday, Sept. 18 at noon. Ceremonies at AMS, 1259 Brighton Ave., will be Saturday, Sept. 25 at noon. Students, staff, parents and the greater community are invited to attend. Details: 55-6614.

Y2K meetings

Meetings to discuss and organize courses of action that will ensure human health and safety, both locally and globally, throughout the New Year transition, at nuclear plants and in regards to nuclear weapons. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has not imposed any minimum standard requirements for Y2K readiness thus far. Regular meetings are being held on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at 1407 Addison St. Berkeley, until further notice. Details: (415) 789-8032.

Eat, drink, recycle

The public is invited to view the current exhibit at the Gallery Showcase the Albany Community Center Library Complex 1249 Marin Ave. in the Albany Community Center Department Office. The current show is entitled "Eat Drink and Recycle." Artist Bernie Stoffer is displaying art made out of common recycled food boxes of colors, shapes and sizes.

Several thefts reported on Pierce St

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 2:30 a.m. on Aug. 30 officers responded to two reports of cars being broken into on the 500 block of Pierce Street. The thieves smashed the passenger side window of a white '85 Toyota 4-runner and stole the stereo from the console. The thieves also smashed the passenger side window of a white Mitsubishi Eclipse and attempted to steal the in-dash stereo. They were not successful in the second incident but they did take various other items from the car. Police gathered evidence in both cases and are investigating.

■ At about 2 a.m. on Aug. 30 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that between 10:30 p.m. on Aug. 29 and 2 a.m. on Aug. 30 thieves stole his 21" Froma 21 speed mountain bike which was chained in his garage area. The chain had been cut. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of August 30 a resident on the 500 block of Taylor Street reported that during the night thieves stole his beige '84 Toyota Camry which was parked in front of his residence. There were no witnesses. On the morning of Sept. 1 Oakland police reported locating a beige Toyota Camry which had been reported as stolen. It had been damaged and the police had a suspect in custody. The owner was notified.

■ At about 1 a.m. on Aug. 31 Albany officers observed a subject urinating into a garbage can near Solano and San Pablo avenues. When contacted the subject became uncooperative and refused to identify himself. When he started to "walk away" he was arrested. The subject, a 29-year-old Oakland man, was found to have a No Bail warrant out of the State of Washington with a Nationwide Extradition Notation warrant. He was cited and transferred to the Berkeley Marshall's office then sent to Santa Rita jail.

■ On the morning of Sept. 1 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that during the night thieves stole his red '91 Mercedes. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 1:30 a.m. on Sept. 3 Albany officers stopped a red '94 Chevy Blazer for a vehicle code violation on Solano Avenue near Macdonald Avenue. The driver, a 21-year-old Hillsborough man, was found to be very intoxicated. He was arrested,

cited and transferred to the Berkeley jail.

■ On the morning of Sept. 4 the owner of a business on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that someone had kicked in the back screen and back door of the hair salon. He was unsure if anything had been taken. Police are investigating.

■ On the afternoon of Sept. 4 a resident on the 1100 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that during the night thieves stole her bird-bath from her front yard and put it under the window of a neighbor's house. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 3 a.m. on Sept. 5 Albany officers stopped a silver '84 Mercury Topaz on San Pablo Avenue near Harrison Street because the car was weaving. The driver, a 45-year-old Oakland man, was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested, cited and released when sober.

■ On the morning of Sept. 5 Albany officers responded to a woman on the 1000 block of Peralta who flagged them down as they passed by. She showed officers her blue '93 Toyota Corolla which had been broken into. The vandals had smashed the driver's side window and took the stereo out of the dash, but left it on the seat. Nothing else appeared to be missing.

■ On the afternoon of Sept. 5 a resident on the 1500 block of Sonoma Avenue reported that during the night thieves had broken into her green '95 Toyota Tercel and stole various items. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Sept. 6 Albany officers, along with a woman from a law firm, contacted a 33-year-old Albany woman at her residence on the 700 block of Adams Street because she had outstanding warrants from San Diego for embezzlement in the amount of \$15,000. She answered the door when officers knocked and was arrested without incident. She was cited and transferred to the Berkeley jail to be transferred to the Santa Rita jail.

■ On the morning of Sept. 7 a resident on the 800 block of Washington Avenue reported that during the night thieves broke into his blue '93 Honda by breaking the driver's side window. The vandals stole a hat from inside the car and threw it on the ground near the car. There were no witnesses.

■ Shortly before noon on Sept. 7 a resident on the 900 block of Ventura Avenue reported that vandals

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had smashed the window of a Volvo. There were no witnesses. ■ On the afternoon of Sept. 7 Albany officers responded to a report from a woman at the 600 block of Avenue. The woman reported her husband had been beaten abusive and was becoming violent. When officers arrived they found that the man had left. The area with no success turned to the bar to tell the woman. In the meantime, a 30-year-old El Sobrante man had returned. He was charged with domestic violence and taken to the Berkeley jail.

■ At about 11:00 p.m. a woman called Albany officers report that while she was at the Store on the 1500 block of Avenue, a thief stole a silver trunk of her gray '93 Corolla. She did not see the thief and is investigating.

■ At about 2:00 a.m. Albany officers stopped a Toyota 4-runner for erratic driving. The driver, a 30-year-old man, was found to be intoxicated, arrested and cited to be released sober.

During the time Albany officers towed a vehicle, they responded to 12 false alarms, seven lost or deceased persons, assisted 10 people who were out of their house or car, responded to one report of a dog. In the domestic area, responded to 19 reports of turbanes and 72 Civil Air Guard. Albany officers stopped 34 vehicles, 48 citations and 30 Albany firefighter/paramedics responded to one fire call, medical emergencies.

During the period Albany officers towed a vehicle, they responded to four false alarms, responded to 13 lost or deceased, assisted three people who were out of their house or car, responded to two reports of dogs. In the domestic area, responded to 21 reports of turbanes and 97 Civil Air Guard. Albany officers stopped 77 vehicles, 39 citations and 38 Albany firefighter/paramedics responded to three fire calls, medical emergencies.

Chalupa receives state award for safety efforts

Tanya Chalupa, who directs and coordinates Albany California Police Department's traffic safety efforts, was awarded the 1999 Peter K. O'Rourke Award by the National Association of Governors' Highway Safety Representatives Aug. 31, in San Antonio, Texas.

Chalupa's contribution to highway safety began in 1980-82, when as a volunteer, she helped California's Child Seat Restraint Law through the

legislative process.

Her current work under grants from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) include the Chief Operator Teen Driver Program and the Spread the Word... Safety Tips Pay campaign.

The Chief Operator Teen Driver program, and its singing spokespersons, known as "Elvis & the Lawman," perform musical traffic safety presentations and the production of

program materials including cassettes and CD's featuring their own original songs and those created by Bay Area teens.

Chalupa was instrumental in developing the program, which is a fine tuning of the adult designated concept. Communities across the nation have incorporated the program in their education and many teachers in the Bay Area have adopted it in their curriculum.



SHARON STEINMANN

Staying the course

ROBERT PELTIER looks over his framed diploma as his wife, Peggy, congratulates him on his completion of the teachers program of Da Yen Qi Gong at the Wen Wu School of Martial Arts in El Cerrito.

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BART path robbery turns violent

EL CERRITO — At 6 a.m. Aug. 26, a 57-year-old woman walking down the BART path north of Knott Avenue was abducted by two young men who leaped out from a hedge, grabbed her and slammed the terrified woman against a pole. One of the muggers pointed a rifle-like weapon at the woman and demanded she lay down. The muggers stole her purse and shot her in the side of the head with their weapon. Two witnesses described the suspects as African American males in their late teens, both 5-foot-8 inches tall weighing about 120 pounds. The victim was hospitalized for a severe bump on her forehead and an injury behind her ear, though the projectile fired at her at point blank range did not penetrate the woman's skull.

■ Two males in their late teens are accused of surrounding and threatening a 14-year-old boy Aug. 30, on the 1400 block of Norvell Street, then stealing his bike. The thieves fled in what police believe is a 1980s-era automobile with a customized exhaust system. According to police accounts, the car — possibly a flashback — is a light shade of metallic blue.
■ As a woman in her late 20s strolled down the 1700 block of Liberty Street the early afternoon of Sept. 1, a boy in his early teens whirled past her on a red bike and

tried to snatch her purse. She raced away, he clutched it in his hand.

■ During the early afternoon of Sept. 2, two males in their late teens approached a 16-year-old boy asked him for directions. The boy paused to point, the threatened to beat him, but didn't surrender his watch.

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When disabilities aren't readily apparent

New book looks at how to cope with 'hidden' ailments

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — In 1992 Stacy Taylor was working out at the gym when she suddenly felt a ripping sensation in her hip accompanied by intense pain. With that event, Taylor's world turned and things have not been the same since. She took it easy after the injury. Soon after that fateful day in the gym, the (currently) 42-year-old psychotherapist developed a sharp pain in her lower back. The pain then spread down her leg to her ankles and feet and also up into her neck. Soon, even more unusual health problems arose — Taylor had dizzy spells, her ears rang and she developed skin rashes. She ran low-grade fevers for no apparent reason, her blood pressure would drop precipitously and she had severe reactions to even common medications. The El Cerrito resident began a medical odyssey of skeptical doctors, laboratory tests, needles, X-rays, CTs, special diets, meditation and holistic thinking practice. Diagnoses from multiple sclerosis to lupus to cancer to fibromyalgia and thyroiditis and many others were considered.

Taylor said she worked with a range of health care providers — the skeptical, but many others supportive and as helpful as they could be. The exact cause of Taylor's illness continues to be elusive. Today, she lives up each day to face her pain and symptoms and to enjoy her life — some days are better — some days worse. A psychotherapist with a private practice in Albany, Taylor was firsthand the many potential problems of living with a hidden disability. With assistance by her life-partner of the past 20 years, and fellow psychotherapist, Robert Epstein, D.D., Taylor has written a book about how to live with a hidden disability.

Taylor's book, "Living Well with Hidden Disability: Transcending Doubt and Shame and Reclaiming Your Life," is a book of hope and

practicality for those who have a hidden disability and for those who love someone with a hidden disability.

As the title of the book indicates, the book is not about just how to live with a hidden disability — it's about how to live well with one.

"I'm not sure exactly what I have; I have some sort of a chronic fatigue syndrome slash fibromyalgia," Taylor said to describe her illness. She said fibromyalgia is a chronic pain condition that causes pain throughout the body, primarily affecting the muscles and tendons.

"The pain can travel around for no particular reason, so one day you can have really bad pain in your shoulder and two days later you can have bad pain in your feet without any kind of injury," Taylor said of fibromyalgia.

"I was a very healthy person before," Taylor said of her life prior to 1992. "I was very fit and athletic and always working out and traveling and active," she added.

During the interview Taylor appears fit and healthy, but when asked she stated matter-of-factly, "I'm pretty much always in pain."

"The reason I got interested in writing the book on hidden disability, is because there are so many people like me — I look healthy and I look able-bodied, and yet I'm dealing with chronic pain," Taylor said.

"There are so many people like me out there who look perfectly healthy, but are struggling with physical symptoms," Taylor said. Her book also addresses psychiatric conditions such as manic-depression and depression, she added.

In her book, Taylor explains that hidden disabilities are conditions that reduce your ability to function normally in your life and decrease your quality of life. "The disability really has to restrict your life," Taylor said.

"An occasional tension headache that's alleviated by aspirin wouldn't apply," Taylor says in her book. "Chronic migraines, however, that force you to miss days of work and relentlessly search for a remedy would qualify," she adds.

Hidden disabilities run a wide gamut. They can include multiple sclerosis, Lyme's disease, chronic fatigue and immune dysfunction syndrome, multiple chemical sensitivities, fibromyalgia, severe gluten intolerance, repetitive strain injury, inflammatory bowel disease, anxiety disorders and attention deficit dis-



STACY TAYLOR is the author of 'Living Well With a Hidden Disability.'

order.

"What ends up happening, is that because you look healthy, sometimes people can be skeptical," Taylor said about how people perceive those living with a hidden disability.

"There tends to be a belief in this culture that unless your medical condition can show up on a test result, where a doctor can see it or feel it, then it may be psychosomatic, meaning all in your head," she said. "I wrote the book, in part, to counteract that way of thinking," Taylor added.

In her book, Taylor has chapters devoted to such things as dealing with difficult emotions, love and sex, rebuilding self-esteem, managing pain and navigating the health care system.

There are worksheets and practical exercises throughout the book to help people learn more about themselves and how to manage their lives living with a hidden disability.

"I give people a lot of credit, who are dealing with these kinds of problems, of just getting through the day,"

Taylor said. "One day at a time is a big accomplishment for them," she added.

Taylor said the overriding message of her book is "to love yourself anyway." She said that even if your body has changed and even if people don't believe you — the person with a hidden disability needs to "cultivate compassion for yourself for all that you're going through."

On a front page of Taylor's book is a quote from Albert Camus: "In the depth of winter I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer."

Perhaps Taylor's book will help those in need discover their invincible summers, even in the midst of their hidden struggles.

"Living Well with a Hidden Disability: Transcending Doubt and Shame and Reclaiming Your Life," is published by New Harbinger Publications Inc., and is available on-line and at local bookstores. Their website address is www.newharbinger.com.

IN BRIEF

Tri-City Safety Day

The 16th annual Tri-City Safety Day, sponsored by the Albany, El Cerrito and Kensington fire departments and the El Cerrito Plaza Merchants Association, will be held Saturday, Sept. 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the El Cerrito Plaza.

The purpose of this event is to give safety personnel from the various participating organizations a chance to meet and interact with the public as well as educate and demonstrate safety procedures.

Agencies that will be participating this year include: El Cerrito Police Bike Patrol, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, BART Police and K-9 Unit, NEAT (El Cerrito's Neighborhood Emergency Action Team); El Cerrito, Albany, and Richmond fire departments, University of California Police Department, East Bay Regional Parks Fire Department, Richmond Police Department and El Cerrito Crime Prevention Committee.

The event will include demonstrations of the Richmond Police K-9 Unit, Cal Star Air Ambulance (Helicopter), Jaws of Life, fingerprinting for kids, free bicycle licensing, bike rodeo sponsored by El Cerrito Police. There will also be appearances by Smokey the Bear and Sparky the Fire Dog.

Library friends book sale

EL CERRITO — The biggest literary scandal of the year is almost here.

It's not J. D. Salinger's letters to Joyce Maynard. It's the shamelessly low prices you'll find at the Friends of the El Cerrito Library annual book sale coming to the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton St., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18 and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday Sept. 19.

Used romances will form liaisons with other, more passionate hearts, as second-hand science fiction and fantasy novels dally with fresh imaginations. Pre-owned mysteries will fascinate new armchair detectives, while last year's cookbooks pursue affairs with this year's chef. Meanwhile, previously-owned children's books will frolic with new playmates, as recent bestsellers vie for the attention of eager readers!

Even with thousands of books, the good stuff always goes fast, so come early for an affair to remember.

All profits go to support activities, projects and materials for the El Cerrito Public Library that taxes and user fees don't cover.

West County small business help

RICHMOND — "Increase Your Business Success" is designed for the small business owner who is ready to grow his/her business. The program, being offered by the West Contra Costa Business Development Center (334 11th Street, Richmond) provides specialized training to West County small business owners and focuses on developing effective strategies and successful techniques that participants can apply to their existing business. During the eight-week program, industry specialists and experienced business owners will engage participants in weekly sessions and will meet with participants individually to address issues specific to their business. The program will foster networking and mentoring opportunities, assisting

participants in developing business relationships with appropriate suppliers and prospective customers.

Sessions will meet Tuesday evenings and one Monday evening, beginning Oct. 12. An information meeting is scheduled on September 28. Applications are due on October 1. Key topics include "Effective Management, Powerful Marketing, Solid Financial Direction, and Successful Planning." Participants in an earlier program comment that "I wish this program had been available to me 20 years ago," (the program) "helped me in avoiding pitfalls, reducing my expenses, and managing my business better and generating more profit."

Community support enables the program to be offered at a cost of \$200, including program materials, training sessions, and individual consultations. Partial scholarships and payment plans will be available. Call 236-3690.

Martial arts instruction

ALBANY — The Sennin Foundation, 1053 San Pablo Ave., is offering a martial arts program that teaches self-protection and more for kids ages 5 through 14, Monday through Thursday from 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

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Details: 510-526-7518.

Multicultural performing arts classes

RICHMOND — The East Bay Center for the Performing Arts, at 339 11th St. in Richmond, offers a special program of affordable performing arts classes taught by professional instructors who are masters in their field.

EBCCA has a variety of unique classes including West African, Mexican, and Southeast Asian music and dance. Also offered are classes in hip hop, Capoeira, ballet, theater, film/video, voice and steel drums. New classes this fall in hip hop theater and performing arts exploration are taught in a fun, safe, family-oriented environment.

All ages and abilities are welcomed and private lessons are also available and arranged by appointment with the instructor. The fall session begins Sept. 30. Details and class schedule: Hope Walker, 510-234-5624.

Farewell potluck for Northminster reverend

EL CERRITO — The Rev. Carol Wickersham has concluded nine years of ministry at Northminster Presbyterian Church, as of last Sunday, citing family reasons for her departure. A farewell potluck will be held on Sunday Sept. 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the social hall of the church, 545 Ashbury Ave. All are welcome to attend and are asked to bring a dish to share.

Skateboard park designs proceed

By Marc Albert

leaping ramps, vaulting stairs and vaulting injury attracts thousands of daredevils to skateboarding year. But noisy wheels, runaway trucks and flying kids have made sport a bane to some public officials, businesses, homeowners and pedestrians nationwide.

Signs restricting the activity are posted with a shrug and the ubiquitous "Skateboarding is not a crime" sticker. Soon however, Berkeley's skateboarders may no longer feel hated and persecuted. A small but vocal group has been laying the

groundwork for a bold concrete maze of jumps, turns and obstacles. A Berkeley-Albany skateboard park is taking shape, on paper at least, to go in when UC Berkeley eventually sells its Harrison Street land to the cities.

The challenge for planners, skateboarders and parents who met Sunday for a public critique of three different plans for the park is choosing a design exciting enough to attract thrill seekers but safe enough to keep them out of the emergency room.

Kate Obenour, a member of the group, "Friends of a Berkeley Skatepark," said the sport's obvious

dangers actually reduce injuries.

Beginners, according to Obenour, are virtually guaranteed to exercise extreme caution in the extreme sport. While not a skateboarder herself, Obenour's attorney husband commutes to work on a board. Obenour also promotes skateboarding as a healthy relief valve for youth, including her 17-year-old son.

"They come home tired and ready to do their homework. They are not fighting their parents, their teachers or society, they're out there fighting gravity and cement."

Officials have to come up with somewhere challenging for skate-

boarding tricks and stunts because riders generally view the entire urban landscape as a course. After all who hasn't seen the quintessential longhaired teen repeatedly perfecting moves on stairs, wheelchair ramps, even sidewalks and curb cuts. Several years ago schoolboard officials drove bolts into Old City Hall's outside banister because the railing was being used as a jump. Officials were concerned that an injury would result in a lawsuit.

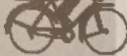
According to Parks and Waterfront Director Lisa Corrora, cities

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Come learn about bicycle boulevards and give input on draft design concepts for Berkeley's seven bicycle boulevards.

Saturday, September 18, 1999
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
West Berkeley Senior Center
1900 Sixth St. at Hearst Ave.

What is a bicycle boulevard? It is a street where all types of vehicles are allowed, but the roadway is modified to enhance bicycle safety and convenience. Typically these modifications will also calm traffic and improve pedestrian safety. A few ideas for Bicycle Boulevards are: colored pavement, traffic circles, center medians with trees and directional signs. **What would you like to see?**

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LOCAL CLINIC PARTICIPATING IN GLOBAL SCHIZOPHRENIA STUDY

Berkeley, July 28, 1999 - Berkeley Therapy Institute announced today that they have begun enrolling patients into a clinical trial of a compound being investigated for the treatment of schizophrenia. The study, known as the ReALiZe program, is part of a worldwide development project known as the ReALiZe program.

The study at Berkeley Therapy Institute is part of a clinical development program to evaluate the efficacy and safety of an investigational drug in the treatment of patients with schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder. Schizophrenia is a devastating condition, which affects nearly one percent of the world's population; schizophrenia is the most common and disabling of all mental illnesses.

Schizophrenia impairs patients' cognitive functions causing positive symptoms such as hallucinations and delusions, and negative symptoms such as blunted affect and social withdrawal. The disease typically strikes in late adolescence, with the onset of gross abnormalities in perception and ability to feel or express pleasure. The profound incidence of suicide among schizophrenics is a well-documented public health problem.

Dr. Robert Dolgoff, primary investigator for this clinical trial at Berkeley Therapy Institute, notes that "despite impressive advances in psychiatry, we still do not have optimal treatment for schizophrenia. As many as 20% to 30% of patients do not respond to, or get unpleasant side effects with, the medications that are currently available. Therefore, research into new modes of treatment is needed for patients battling this disease."

Patients participating in this ReALiZe study will receive free study medication and will be closely monitored on a regular basis by mental health professionals. To be eligible for participation in the trial, patients must be between the ages of 18 and 65, diagnosed with schizophrenia and exhibiting symptoms of the disease. In addition, participants must meet all inclusion criteria specified in the study protocol.

To obtain further information about this ReALiZe study, please contact Clinical Trial Coordinator Leigh Pruneau, RN, Ph.D., at (510) 841-8484, ext. 136.

Opinion

I talk to myself, and have for a long time

I talk to myself. I thought this was a relatively recent phenomenon, but according to my husband, I've been doing it for years.

I decided it was time to start listening to what I was talking about. That's because my husband has forgotten the etiquette of eavesdropping. He's started interrupting to ask what I'm talking about.

"Oh well" what? Joe asked one night when I walked out of our bathroom.

"What do you mean?" "You just said 'oh well' and I was wondering what you were 'oh welling' about."

I knew I had thought "oh well" but didn't realize it had escaped. It came at the conclusion of an internal dialogue that went something like this: "Hum, I used Joe's toothbrush by mistake."

We share an electric toothbrush. Usually my toothbrush head is on the base, but that night his was and I hadn't noticed.

"Yuck. Should I re-brush my teeth with my own toothbrush or rinse out my mouth? Using someone else's toothbrush is unsanitary."

Short reflexive pause. "But wait. It's not just someone else's toothbrush. It's Joe's and we're married. We've been sharing germs for 21 years. Sharing a toothbrush is no big deal."

Another reflexive pause. "It's no worse than a whole lot of other things, so why does it seem so disgusting? I know. Because my mother thought it was. One time she boiled my toothbrush because a cousin had used it by mistake. The plastic melted and all the bristles fell out. Toothbrushes. That's my mother's thing. It's time for me to let it go."

I didn't re-brush my teeth. I just rinsed off Joe's toothbrush, put it away, said "Oh well," and walked into the bedroom.

"Oh well" what? Joe asked. I knew what the "oh well" was all about, but I wasn't going to tell Joe. I may be willing to share toothbrushes with him but I wasn't going to share my thought process.

That's when Joe told me my "oh well" wasn't an aberration, that I talk to myself all the time. That's when I started listening. Joe is right. I talk to myself constantly.

Usually it's some kind of ongoing dialogue. If I'm writing, I recite a sentence, a phrase or a word before I commit it to writing. Then I read it back to myself out loud.

What ever I'm doing around the house is accompanied by running dialogue. "OK," "that's fine," "I'll put that over here,"

Under Construction

By Ronnie Caplane

Saying something out loud gives it reality, substance. It also helps keep my mind from wandering.

"I can't forget to pick up my pictures," and on and on. If I have a list of five things to do, I'll keep reciting them in the order I'm going to do them, dropping each item off the list as it is accomplished.

Saying something out loud gives it reality, substance. It also helps keep my mind from wandering.

Sometimes it's necessary to summarize a lengthy meeting that took place in my head.

"Good," I'll hear myself say. "Here's what's going to happen..." Then I'll outline the plans I've just made.

Sometimes I rehearse opening lines for a conversation I know I'm going to have.

Other times, I'll have an entire fantasy conversation that will never take place in real life.

And this talking to myself isn't just a verbal thing. I can have an entire conversation without even opening my mouth. I use my hands. They cut through the air punctuating my thoughts or enumerate possibilities or dismiss stupid ideas. And then the rest of my body gets into the act. My head nods, my shoulders shrug, my brows furrow and I stick out my lower lip.

It must be something to see when I'm in full swing - arms flying, head bobbing, face contorting and not a word coming out of my mouth. You could probably guess what the conversation is about just by looking.

I suppose I'd be better off if I kept things to myself. That way I wouldn't have to field those "oh well" what? questions from my husband. But I don't think I can be reprogrammed that way. I need to talk to myself to function, but maybe I could learn to keep it to a whisper.

Or maybe I should break Joe of the habit of eavesdropping. I'll have to remember to bring that up at the next meeting of my mind.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A fitting reminder of waterfront population

We walked the former homeless pads on the Albany meadow. It was a sad leftover mess, but what broke my heart was the playpen, stuffed animals and trike, etc. Isn't it a great, a rich, uncaring society that can't take care of its children?

Then I saw some of my favorite art works from the Albany Bulb. I have really enjoyed and admired the creative talent of some of the people who have had to leave. Therefore, I urge that their handiwork be left where it is for the enjoyment of future State Park visitors and in memory of their years at the dump.

Jean Siri
El Cerrito

Praise where praise is due

Considering this past Labor Day it is especially fitting that we good people praise the Contra Costa Labor Council to the sky for its excellent El Cerrito City Council "Candidates Night." Members asked the hard questions about environmental blight, economic development, needed programs, services, and facilities, repair of a crumbling infrastructure, essential taxes in the short run and long run.

We should take to heart this action in the best interest of our aspiring democracy.

Dan Freudenthal
El Cerrito

Instead of testing, educate and enforce

I agree completely with J.R. Deaton's commentary regarding mandatory testing of older drivers and would like to add this. Reinstate driver's education in public schools and crack down on uninsured and unlicensed drivers.

Minnie Favre
El Cerrito

Pacifica owes BPD an apology

This is my 10th year as police chief, and I have never found it necessary to write a letter to the editor until now.

Pacifica Foundation's Executive Director Lynn Chadwick has accused the men and women of the Berkeley Police Department as being responsible for the

high costs associated with the civil dispute with its employees between May and August of this year.

As police chief, I resent this ultimate spin doctoring of the facts. Instead, the Pacifica Foundation owes the men and women of the Berkeley Police Department heartfelt thanks for giving up days off, vacations and other commitments in order to assist in providing for peaceful dissent following Pacifica Foundation management decisions, some of which sparked large, emotionally charged demonstrations that brought people from all over the Bay Area to Berkeley.

If anything, the Pacifica Foundation should be offering to reimburse the city of Berkeley for over-consumption of city services and apologizing for draining the city budget.

Many labor disputes have taken place in the city of Berkeley during the last 25 years, and many companies have hired private security to assist in maintaining the peace and providing additional security for their property. Each and every time, the Berkeley Police Department has maintained a neutral position.

However, the Pacifica Foundation's decision to turn a labor dispute into a mass arrest situation was a first.

This occurred in spite of our advice to their management. How ironic that after ignoring the advice and deciding to make so many arrests, they have now decided that they do not wish to follow through with the prosecution of those arrested.

In summary, the Pacifica Foundation owes the men and women of the Berkeley Police Department an apology for trying to blame us for the costs of their labor dispute. Lynn Chadwick and the rest of Pacifica Foundation should pull out an appropriate-sized mirror and take a good look at the real culprits—those who made their decisions during the dispute.

D. E. Butler
chief of police
Berkeley

Human skills before computer skills

What? The world is changing? What will be the outcome? Will the young generation learn to think prior to learning computer/technology skills? Will those skills add to the human quality? Will they be more compassionate, po-

lite, more sympathetic, honest, more true to themselves and others? Will technical expertise ever abuse their right to live and allow others to live in breath happily without stealing from others or hurting, killing and abusing?

Computer skill would enhance the material gain. But I wonder what pace we will be learning to improve our inner self, human qualities, and fine social skills to follow the ancient Eastern concept of "live and let live," to bring about lasting peace in the hearts and environment of this worldwide community. I think human development should be given more priority for peaceful society on this planet.

Romila Khan
Albany

Always a double standard?

More bloodshed in the world. Killing riots in Indonesia. Muslims in East Timor hate the election results and hate Christians. So they start killing each other.

Are we going to solve the world's problems by bombing Jakarta and Bandung? It worked with the Serbs. Why not the Indonesians?

We already supplied the killing guns and the killing bullets, why not the bombs? Bomb 'em into oblivion! We were successful in Iran, Serbia, and Kosovo, let's go now.

Why do we want to take guns away from American citizens when we supply millions of guns and bullets all over the world? If the East Timors had guns to protect themselves, the riots would stop. Lucky we did not allow the Brits to take our guns prior to 1776.

Clinton said he will wait to see what the U.N. decides before we will react. Well, the U.N. said no to bombing Serbia, but Clinton bombed it anyway. Double standard?

The reason is, Serbs and Kosovos have white faces and the East Timors have brown faces. There is always a double standard. We did not react to millions of killings in Rwanda, Angola, Burma, Zaire, Ethiopia, Tibet, Nigeria, Liberia, and on and on. They all have brown faces.

Sidney Steinbo
Berkeley

Send letters to P.O. Box 1624, El Cerrito, 94530; or e-mail them to journal@cctimes.com

What should El Cerrito do about the Swim Center?

The El Cerrito City Council this week adopted the Swim Center Master Plan, which calls for an as-yet unfunded \$4.9 million reconstruction of the Community Center swimming facilities.

Under study is the possibility of a ballot measure for next March, which would face the difficult threshold of two-thirds approval. We want to hear your thoughts on the issue and how the city should proceed. Write us at P.O. Box 1624, El Cerrito, 94530; e-mail us at journal@cctimes.com; or fax us at 644-1735.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

1939 — a world away but not forgotten by BHS alums

By Chris Treadway

EL CERRITO — They left high school ready to conquer the world and to find that they would be called to save the world instead.

Sixty years after they graduated, 100 people gathered to tell about it at the Berkeley High School Class of 1939 reunion last month at El Cerrito's Mira Vista Country Club.

Their childhoods were shaped by the Great Depression, their early adult lives by World War II. And the sea they grew up in has changed dramatically.

But they carry a common bond and warm memories that center around Berkeley High.

There were spring and fall graduating classes back then, and 820 young women and men were in the class of '39.

Like any high school reunion there were recollections of how much better everything seemed when they were growing up. For one thing, the city was not nearly as developed.

The city's population, according to the 1939 "WPA Guide to California," was 82,109 (although some attendees recall the figure as closer to 100,000). But controlling traffic, then now, was an issue in Berkeley.

"There used to be a bunch of vacant lots where Iceland went in," recalled Jim Pepper.

"We used to play in the street. There was no on-street parking at that time. It was illegal."

Pepper, who came to the reunion wearing his red-and-yellow BHSilly Committee cap, was one of many kids who belonged to Police Chief August Vollmer's Junior Traffic Police, a program for grade school kids that Vollmer, who taught police science at Cal, had started in 1924.

Members of the Traffic Police would watch at corners on school mornings, using semaphores and in long stop signs on poles to halt cars and allow pedestrians to cross.

Kids in the program were given periodic passes to local movie theaters, but the perks were second to their duties.

"If you put a foot in the street when you weren't supposed to — they rapped your knuckles," said Louise Graham Rowland, a member of the reunion organizing committee.

There was also plenty of time for play.

"Before Pop Warner leagues, the recreation department had a tackle football league," said Keith Taylor, who recalled playing games at Live Oak Park and Thousand Oaks Park, among others. Kids in the league would also play preliminary games at Memorial Stadium prior to that afternoon's college matchup. "Everybody in Berkeley got tickets to go to the parks to go to Cal games," Taylor said.

Taylor was a Sea Scout in school and remembers that "We carried knives all the time. We could carry them to school and it didn't make any difference."

Memories of attendees included a "smaller downtown," the World's Fair that opened on the Bay during their senior year at manmade Treasure Island (a 21-cent streetcar ride away), Hink's Department Store, and, of course, Edy's ice cream parlor. "It was a completely different world," said Lorraine Pulley, who now resides in Rohnert Park. "In 1939 we were still happy."

But the region was already undergoing major changes that would shape its future.

During their time in high school two great bridges opened in the Bay Area, a tunnel connected Alameda and Contra Costa and a new system of regional parks was established in the East Bay. But it was still possible to have a rural upbringing even in Berkeley.

BHS '39 grad Eldon Muratore was born on a ranch his family leased from the water company where the Brazil Room (a reassembled building from the Treasure Island fair) now stands in Tilden Regional Park. "He's a cowboy," said his wife, Evelyn.

But along with memories of a quieter, simpler Berkeley, are the accounts of lives shaped by a war that none had any inkling loomed on the horizon.

During their senior year President Roosevelt requested a record \$535 million in defense spending and magazine ads featuring men in uniform were already commonplace. ROTC was mandatory for men entering UC Berkeley.

Edward Fleischer, who now lives in Walnut Creek and is still active in



Keith Taylor

the Unitarian Church, can remember the name of his high school chemistry teacher, and for good reason. "I got a lab report in chemistry in late and I got a D-plus as my final grade. I stayed out of Cal a year because of that."

The experience didn't dampen Fleischer's interest in science.

"I ultimately got into Cal and made the most of it, getting married and going to work at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory and ultimately the Manhattan Project in Los Alamos."

Keith Taylor was among those who went into Navy ROTC at Cal, a logical extension of his lifelong interest in Sea Scouting.

Now a retired accountant living in Moraga, Taylor piloted landing craft bringing troops ashore on Japanese-held islands in the Pacific. He met future-perennial-presidential candidate Harold Stassen there and spent a brief time, while still an ensign, as part of the staff of Admiral Chester Nimitz for a brief time in 1944.

Jim Pepper went to trade school after graduation, studying to become an electrician and then going to work in the wartime shipyards. "I decided I wanted to go back to school (at Cal, where he met his future wife) and got myself drafted."

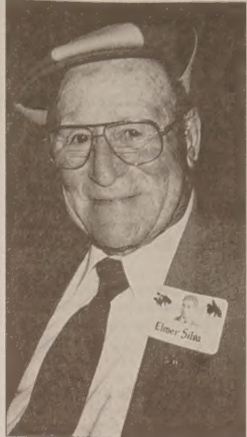
Eldon Muratore, who played baseball and football for the Yellowjackets, signed with the New York Yankees out of high school. "I had a chance to play football, too," said Muratore. "There were scholarships, but I didn't have the grades."

Muratore, now a Lafayette resident who still has the build and hands of a catcher, instead went to training in 1940 with Joe DiMaggio and the Yankees before entering the service, where he played ball while serving in the Navy for three years. After mustering out Muratore found himself stuck in the deep Yankee farm system behind Ralph Houk and Charlie Silvera, but enjoyed a fruitful career of around 10 years with Portland of the Pacific Coast League.

It seems most of the men interviewed served in the Navy.

Louise Graham Rowland wasn't out of place with classmates who served in the Navy or worked in the shipyards.

Trained as a classical pianist, cir-



Elmer Silva

cumstances led her to put in 18 years as a commercial fisherman on a ship on the Pacific. For nine months of the year "we followed the fish from Baja to Alaska," catching 80 to 100 tons annually.

It wasn't a career path she had planned on, but she has no regrets, still recalling the "gray water, the gray sky and the whitecaps off Ft. Bragg one morning. It was the most beautiful sight I've ever seen."

Elmer Silva, a lively man who has made his home in Richmond for over half a century, was another alum who attended the reunion wearing a red-and-yellow Rally Committee cap and he divulged his secret for keeping the cap's colors were so vivid after 60 years.

The secret came from Dr. Ernest Lawrence, whose namesake laboratory overlooks the Cal campus.

"You take something like this and put it in a plastic bag and spray in a little helium from a tank," Silva said. "Dr. Lawrence called helium a 'noble gas.' He liked to talk about noble gases."

Silva told how he was a tin bender during the war and decided he wanted to do something better. So he went to the union hall with a bottle of bourbon, placed it on the agent's counter and asked what other kind of work he had. Given the added incentive, the agent told him about a six-month job bending copper pipes at Lawrence Laboratory.

"You know how long that six months turned out to be? Forty years," Silva said relating the decision that led to a new career.

Having been told he was too short to pursue his desired occupation of firefighter, Silva helped establish what was then a volunteer fire department at the lab. He subsequently became its chief.

During those early days "There were guys with badges that said 'Manhattan Project.' I asked what that was but they said they couldn't tell me."

If the Class of '39 has a sense of regret in looking back, it is disappointment that, as one alum put it, "young people today don't understand what our generation sacrificed for them."

Whether it's true that the world now little notes nor long remembers their role in history, they do deserve our thanks.

Berkeley in 1939

Vern Green, who went on to become an administrator for the Oakland schools for 40 years after graduating in the class of '39, was kind enough to invite this newspaper to the Aug. 19 reunion.

Green, a 44-year El Cerrito resident, has become the unofficial class historian, and went with classmate Barbara Sutliff Miller to the Berkeley Main Library to look at 1939 issues of the Berkeley Gazette and compile a look at the city then. Some of those items along with information from the 1939 "WPA Guide to California," are used to present this snapshot of Berkeley just before the war.

Berkeley grew quickly in its early years, from 948 residents in 1876 to a population of 23,378 in 1905, to 38,117 in 1907 (primarily because of the San Francisco earthquake) to 82,109 in 1939. According to the 1939 "WPA Guide," 11,000 commute daily to San Francisco and live primarily in "north and southeast Berkeley."

According to the guide "The Shattuck Avenue district bears ... all the signs of ordinary commercial development. The Telegraph Ave. shopping area ... is full of young people and of shops reflecting their needs and interests."

Hink's, where two-way stretch girdles and foundations made from a new material called Latex cost \$5 to \$10, and J.C. Penney, which offered Indian design blankets for 88 cents to \$1, were the major retailers downtown.

In the pre-television era, the Class of '39 took in movies or radio shows, both in their golden age, for entertainment.

Berkeley had eight movie houses (one screen each) and there were about a dozen stations, all AM frequency but offering a variety of programming to be envied today.

Most of the frequencies aren't what we know today, including the only Berkeley-based station of the day, KRE, at 1370 (it was 1400 later) on the dial. But music, comedy, drama, commentary and mystery were staples, as well as programs such as the "Italian Hour" on KROW in Oakland.

As far as getting around, incentives were all toward using public transit.

The Key System streetcar fare to San Francisco was 21 cents, the local fare was 10 cents (commuters could buy seven tokens for 50 cents with no extra fare to adjoining cities).

The ferry cost 30 cents, or 50 cents round trip, while the Bay Bridge toll was 50 cents.

Cheap transit was a necessity judging by the wages available. Then again, Fidelity Motors seeking \$145 for a 1931 Buick Sedan, while the asking price for a black '37 Ford V8 touring sedan at the used car lot was \$495.

Job opportunities in the Gazette included a position for a salesgirl (age 20 to 30) with experience in stationery and artists materials paying \$75 — a month. An ad seeking "lady to care for baby" paid \$15 a month



Vern Green

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Even with the low wages, the cost of rental units wasn't exorbitant. Six rooms partially furnished, near Telegraph was available for \$40 a month, while rent of \$57.50 was being asked for a furnished, modern, three room apartment at 1817 Oxford, utilities and garbage included.

But home ownership still seemed more than an elusive dream. A Bank of America ad described a cottage "Built in West Berkeley — FHA Time Plan," financing available and a monthly cost of \$28.46 that included repayment of principal, interest, insurance and taxes.

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Fairmont among underperforming schools chosen for state aid

By Lisa Shafer

More than 40 schools in Contra Costa and Alameda counties, including Cragmont Elementary in Berkeley and Fairmont Elementary in El Cerrito will enter a new carrot and stick program designed by the state to improve student achievement, the Department of Education announced Wednesday.

Those chosen include three in Antioch Unified, six in Pittsburg Unified, 10 in West Contra Costa Unified, and one each in the Berkeley and Livermore school districts.

Under the state's Public Schools Accountability Act of 1999, 430 schools will join the \$96 million reform program. State officials said those selected were volunteers among 3,100 "underperforming" schools in other words, those that fell below the 50 percent mark on a new academic index.

During the first year of the three-year program, 353 schools will split \$63.7 million in state funds for planning grants and reforms, and 77 will receive \$32.5 million in federal money to implement changes.

The accountability law required

the Department of Education to choose a proportional number of elementary, middle and high schools from across the bottom half of the index. The program also was meant to include both rural and urban schools from a geographic cross-section of California.

The academic performance index this year was built strictly on results on the Stanford-9 standardized test in 1998 and 1999. The law calls for schools to be weighed on other factors such as student and teacher attendance rates and graduation percentages as soon as the state figures out a way to accurately collect that data.

In the first phase of the program, the 353 state-funded participants will receive a \$50,000 grant, part of which must be used to hire an outside consultant from a state-approved list. The consultant will help the school identify its "underlying causes" of underachievement. The school then will devise strategies to fix the problems, and will receive \$50,000, or \$168 per student to do so.

Schools in the federally funded program will get up to \$200 per student to start making changes they have already planned.

In West Contra Costa, the 10 schools chosen from the 29 eligible and performance cross-section goals of the program, said Principal Erma Hollingquest of King Elementary in Richmond.

A 36-year employee at King, Hollingquest said she would welcome an outsider's suggestions on how to fix problems, but hopes the consultant acts like a partner and not a critic.

To Hollingquest, the potential negative consequences of the program seem harsh.

"They'll get you with the fly swatter," she said.

Indeed, schools that fail to improve within three years could see sanctions as severe as a state takeover or school closure. Principals could be removed or teachers transferred.

On the other hand, rewards of \$150 per student may be given to schools that reach improvement targets each year. Teachers and certificated staff members at improving schools also could get bonuses of up to \$25,000 each.

Choosing school district leadership

School Watch

By Glen Price

7-9 p.m.

Recent school board elections as they occur in this "off" cycle, have typically been less than 25 percent of the electorate. The message to our teachers, and the support them is clear: the majority of adults in this community are not voting for the school district. In November, make sure you vote. Candidates who will bring the leadership you want to the board. Read the literature, attend a candidates forum. If you are at it, invite a few neighborhood friends to go with you, making wonderful investments in our future.

Middle school presentation

Interested in seeing a new Richmond Middle School really look like? WCCUSD project architects will be at an autocad presentation of the new facility on Sept. 21, at the Richmond Council meeting in the City Chambers located at 1000 10th St., Richmond, on the 11th in the council chambers. The presentation begins at 7 p.m.

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This coming Nov. 2 West County voters will make an important decision regarding the future of our school district by electing two persons to the school board.

The new board will face major issues some of which have been discussed in this column in recent months.

As a district we must:

■ Rebuild and, in some cases, replace aging school facilities. The Measure E bond measure passed by voters in June 1998 provides the funding to make some of these repairs and build a much-needed new middle school in Richmond. Construction is now underway on the long awaited Hercules Middle/High School. These are major important steps but we have a long way to go. Studying and dealing with seismic issues alone is a significant future challenge. Further progress requires a board that can unite and inspire confidence in the community and in Sacramento to make additional capital investments in our schools.

■ Rethink the way we are delivering education to our students. Later this week district strategic planning efforts kick-off in earnest. This is a long-awaited opportunity to create a new vision of where we are going together as a district. Our board must back and support this effort — articulating and communicating a new vision for our district and a concrete plan of how to get there.

■ Reach out and involve parents and communities in our schools. We know our schools work best and our students achieve more when they are supported by parents and community. Development of the district's strategic plan, for example, will provide key opportunities for parent and community involvement. To reach the levels we need, the board must maintain and build a climate of openness and trust. ■ Reinvest all district resources in education. Our school district currently pays out over \$1.8 million per year to the state as a legacy of the district's financial

problems in the late 1980s. Recapitulating these funds will require a board with courage but also a great deal of diplomacy and tact.

Recommit ourselves to our teachers and employees. When resources are scarce we must make tough decisions. As discussed previously in this space (see for example: <http://www.jcc.org/west-county/050799.htm>) we have to do a better job creating better and more competitive working conditions for staff. Doing so will require a board with openness to new ways of doing business.

Rebuild. Rethink. Reach out. Reinvest. Recommit. We have an incredible challenge but we also have much momentum going for us right now. We can make it if we learn to respect each other and come together as a team focused on the goals we all share. There are many important roles that all of us must play in this process. In our role as voters, we must elect school board members who have these crucial qualities and share these values.

Last month, at the first candidates' forum of this election season, over 125 people gathered to listen to the candidates debate these (and other) important issues. In the remaining six weeks until the election the district is sponsoring candidates forums at each of our high schools. The events will be co-sponsored by the Bayside Council PTA and the League of Women Voters.

School board candidates forums

Wednesday, Sept. 29, Richmond High School Little Theater, 7-9 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 7, De Anza High School Cafeteria, 7-9 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 16, Pinole Valley High School Gym, 10 a.m. - noon; Tuesday, Oct. 19, El Cerrito High School Little Theater, 7-9 p.m.; Monday, Oct. 25, John F. Kennedy Cafeteria,

planning stage out of the way so the playing fields can go in as quickly as possible. Deputy City Manager Weldon Rucker said city officials will negotiate over the purchase with UC officials Sept. 23. Rucker said the purchase could be finalized by the city council in late October or November. Construction could begin in March, with facilities opening early next year.

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ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein

Albany PTA Council

■ Sept. 18, Planning Meeting for 1999-2000, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Marin Multi-Purpose Room, Childcare provided. Agenda items: 1. Establishing communication channels within Albany, 2. Focus for 1999-2000 school year (suggested topics include school safety, an arts festival, parent university), 3. Networking among PTA officers and chairpersons.

■ Sept. 25, Elementary Curriculum Meeting with Asst. Superintendent Marianne Camp, 10a.m. - noon, Location TBA

Albany High School

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■ Sept. 21, Athletic Boosters, 7 p.m., AHS Room 49

■ Sept. 22, Back to School Night, 7 p.m., PTA Book Fair in AHS Library, 6:30-9 p.m.

Albany Middle School

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■ Sept. 23, PTA Meeting, 7 PM, AMS Library
■ Sept. 25, Opening Ceremony for new AMS Campus, Noon (Saturday)
■ Sept. 29, Back to School Night, 7 p.m.

Cornell Elementary School

■ Sept. 23, Back to School Night, 6:30 p.m.
■ Sept. 27, PTA MEETING, 6:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room, childcare provided

Marin Elementary School

Sept. 23, Back to School Night,

7 p.m.

Ocean View Elementary School

■ Sept. 16, Back to School Night, 7 p.m.

■ Sept. 18, Opening Ceremony for new Ocean View campus, Noon-2 PM (Saturday) 1 PM, PTA meeting to vote on by-laws and nominate candidates

AUSD Board of Education

Sept. 28, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

Items? Call Kay Weinstein at 525-0363 or email: kayweinstein@ya

Skate

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are insulated from most skateboard injuries, even in officially sanctioned sites.

"There are some precedents," she said. "Skateboarding is considered a hazardous activity. Like skiing, it's at your own risk." Obenauer referred to Assembly Bill 1296, which classified skateboarding as a hazardous recreational activity.

Working with architects, Corrona said jumps in the new park would be at angles that reduce injury but don't cut down on fun. Corrona said the park will have features that test the skill of skateboarders from the neophyte to the extreme.

According to Obenauer younger skaters would like to see the park

mimic the ordinary streetscapes they're used to. Older skaters, remembering the halcyon days of old drained swimming pools prefer 'bowls' and 'verts' for the radical rush.

In any case, advocates want plans for the 18,000-square-foot skate park to be approved and ready for construction before

Berkeley plunks down between \$2 million and \$3 million for the 6.4-acre Harrison Street lot. Much of the rest of the site will become baseball and soccer and lacrosse playing fields. Albany is also negotiating buying some additional playing field land on the north side of University Village.

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Once again, here's a word to the wise for my non-Jewish readers: DON'T wish your Jewish friends a happy Yom Kippur. That's like saying, "Happy Good Friday."

Don't offer them a snack, either, at least until sundown on Monday. Yom Kippur is the lone exception to the old joke that every Jewish holiday can be summarized by the same three sentences: "They tried to kill us. We won. Let's eat."

But the sad undercurrent underlying that joke is the fact that "they" did their job all too well.

Let me make a seeming digression. Some of the most popular columns I've ever written — at least, measured by reader response — were the ones I wrote about Paul Ferrari, who changed the name of his chain of specialty food stores from the generic "Ultra Lucca" to "A.G. Ferrari Foods," in honor of his grandfather.

It was part of a process of self-discovery that eventually led Paul to take out dual Italian-American citizenship.

I said at the time that Paul's story was typical. Lots of third-generation Americans — not just Italian-Americans — are trying to get back to the same roots that their parents tried so desperately to escape. Or, as an old Yiddish adage put it, "The son remembers what the father wishes to forget."

But what I never admitted was that I'm jealous of Paul. I envy his ability to go back to his grandfather's old hometown in Italy and find long-lost cousins, many of whom are also named Ferrari. A lot of them look like him, too. He can also go to the local church and look at baptism, marriage and funeral records and trace his ancestors back to the Middle Ages.

And that's true for most of you, whether your family hails from Europe, Asia or Latin America. But not for me. I can't go back and find long-lost relatives, because there aren't any. They all went up in flames during the Holocaust.

Likewise for the local synagogue and all the old family records. The Nazis' standard practice was to herd everyone in the village into the synagogue and

Snapshots

By Martin Snapp

burn it to the ground. It wasn't enough to kill all the Jews. They also had to wipe out any trace that the Jews had ever existed. The only parallel I can think of is African-Americans, who were violently wrenched away from their homeland and systematically denied knowledge of their history. But even they can go back to Africa and reconnect to their roots. Their ancestral villages are still there. Mine aren't.

But, miracle of miracles, even the Nazis weren't thorough enough to wipe out every trace. "They forgot to look in one place," says Rachel Cousineau, a grad student in Architectural History at UC-Berkeley. "They forgot the Institute of Polish Architecture in Warsaw. Back in the '20s, two great art scholars named Oskar Sosnowski and Szymon Zajczyk recognized the enormous artistic and historic value of the wooden synagogues of Eastern Europe. And they lovingly collected photographs and architectural drawings of these synagogues."

The Germans killed Sosnowski in 1939 and Zajczyk in 1942, and they burned the Institute itself in 1944. But by then, the photos and drawings had been removed to another location, and they survived the war.

Cousineau is the official historian of a remarkable project called The Wooden Synagogue. It's nothing less than an attempt to recreate, stick by stick, an exact replica of an actual wooden synagogue that served generations of Jews in the town of Przedsborz, Poland, for more than 500 years before it was burned down during the war.

"The wealth of detail we have about the Przedsborz synagogue is amazing," she says. "Not only do we have photos and drawings; we also have the Yizkor Book for this village."

(A word of explanation: Many Jewish refugees who came here after the war wrote their recollections of life in the old country in special books called Yizkor Books, to keep alive as many memories and traditions as possible.)

One of the stories in the Przedsborz Yizkor Book is how Napoleon Bonaparte came through town on his way back from Russia and stopped to admire the synagogue. He was so taken by its beauty, he tore off a piece of his richly embroidered

saddle cloth and presented it to the town elders as a memento. (Alas, it too was consigned to the flames by the Nazis.)

The Wooden Synagogue is being built by Congregation Beth Israel. It'll be modest on the outside. The original wooden synagogues were deliberately kept plain for fear of inciting jealousy among their non-Jewish neighbors.

But inside was a different story. Once away from the outside world, the visitor was greeted by soaring windows, wooden vaults, intricate carvings, and multicolored designs, scenes and Biblical passages painted on the walls and ceilings.

That's what Beth Israel hopes to reproduce in the Wooden Synagogue: the sense of plucking this tiny shul out of its time and place — Przedsborz, Poland, about halfway between Warsaw and Cracow, circa. 1939 — and transferring it to the corner of Bancroft and Jefferson streets in Berkeley, California, circa. 1999.

And here's good news for neighbors who might be worried about traffic problems: There won't be any. Beth Israel is an Orthodox congregation, and driving a car on the Sabbath is a strict no-no. You have to walk to services.

The Wooden Synagogue won't be a Jewish version of Williamsburg. This isn't an attempt to recreate a 19th Century Eastern European shtetl in the middle of Berkeley. Those days are gone with the wind, never to return.

It isn't a Holocaust memorial, either. Instead, it's going to be a real working synagogue, to be used as a place of worship, school room, and community meeting place. Just like the original.

Hitler is gone, but the Jews are still here, teaching their children what it means to be Jewish. In that sense, building The Wooden Synagogue is like spitting in Hitler's face.

Mazel Tov, Congregation Beth Israel.

Finally, Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement, a time to apologize to those whom you've hurt in the past year.

In that spirit, let me ask forgiveness of everyone this column has offended during the last 12 months.

And whether you're Jewish or not, happy New Year.

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Swim

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more than 30 people attended last week's meeting.

Many old-hand committee members encouraged a broader perspective to include all the city's needs and how to pay for them; while new members were there mainly with eyes on the prize of a new swim center.

Emotions ran high at times, and the debate became heated, but Robert and his Rules of Order prevailed in the end.

"Once you start renovation, you have to bring everything up to code," and the current swim center violates many health and safety codes Brenda Navellier, chairwoman of the Park and Recreation Commission said at last week's meeting.

"I think it came in a lot higher than anyone expected," Navellier said about the \$4,930,894 estimated cost to reconstruct the center under the recommended plan.

Consultants hired by the city to study the pool center condition, together with the public and the Swim Center Community Advisory Committee, developed the recommended master plan to renew the swim center.

At their Sept. 1 meeting, the Park and Recreation Commission voted unanimously to urge the City Council to adopt the plan.

The new swim center would include a new 25-meter by 25-yard main pool and a repaired and expanded training/wading pool. The reconstructed complex would include new men's and women's locker rooms, new offices, new storage rooms, a new pump room and a new multi-purpose meeting room.

The consultants found numerous code violations throughout the current swim center including deteriorating pools decks and building roofs, safety hazards in the pump room, poorly located pool light junction boxes and numerous accessibility problems.

Two other swim center plans were considered — a rehabilitation of the old center estimated to cost \$4,673,714 and a completely new center estimated at \$5,313,398.

"I nearly had a heart attack" said the committee's Financial Review Team Chairman Steve Magyary about the estimated cost to reconstruct the swim center. "I remember when we first talked about the pool, and we got estimates from staff, and the number I remember ranged from 500 grand to 800 grand," Magyary said.

"If staff's numbers and projections are off by factors of six or 10 — I don't know what to believe about anything," Magyary told his fellow committee members. "At this point, what do we believe about the streets? What do we believe about the parks? Are they off by a factor of 10? Are they off by a factor of 5?"

Several people at the meeting urged the committee to recommend the proposed reconstruction plan to the City Council.

"I'm not a user of the pool, but I feel that it's inevitable that we could lose the pool," said El Cerrito Pam Challinor. "I think that would be a terrible loss to the city of El Cerrito, for the families and for the whole community," Challinor added. "We should not lose it."

"If you say you cannot afford — then you cannot have anything," contended new committee member Harry Saridis. "You have to find a solution for everything. It takes money for everything — and there's a solution for everything."

"We're going to raise funds," Saridis said to answer a question about his solution to swim center reconstruction. "We're going to raise funds from El Cerrito citizens — they want a nice pool, they have to pay for it," he added. "If you want something, you have to find a solution."

Cleanup

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Park parking lot at end of road.

Volunteers will also gather in Emeryville in front of the fire station on Powell Street in the Emeryville

marina. Frontage road will be closed to through traffic from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Alameda County is also coordinating sites at the SF Bay Wildlife Refuge in Newark off of I-880 and Dumbarton Bridge.

Take the Thornton Avenue exit to Marshlands Rd. Another cleanup will occur at the end of West Winton Avenue in Hayward, and another at the Martin Luther King Jr. Regional shoreline off I-880 and 66th Avenue near Oakport Street in Oakland.

Stroll

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Families and friends listened to blues and bluegrass, funk and nuevo cancion, zydeco and folk music, Professor Gizmo, and the Royal Hawaiian Ukulele Band.

There were Brazilian dancers of all ages in bikinis and less, and the El Cerrito Gaucho Marching Band. As the parade stretched from one end of Solano to the other, buccaneers cruised on bicycles, followed by dogs with sequined bibs. Boxers and poodles itched — but not for a fight — waving their tails at the adoring crowd.

During the promenade, a young woman performed miraculous stunts on horseback. There she was, gallantly doing daring deeds as her trustworthiness strutted down the street. With stoic resolve, the youngster stood, the crowd silenced by her bravery. For a moment she was as still as a statue of Joan of Arc, Mary

Lou Retton, or Nancy Reagan.

Then she set her feet and kneeled, head bowed ever so slightly as she waved to the crowd.

For each individual at the stroll, there was a special moment. For some it was the instant Thai stick with peanut sauce melted in their mouths, while for others it was the thirst-quenching thrill of a can of soda or a silver-faced youth chanting indecipherable lines of inner-space chatter.

It was that type of fair, one where health advocates promoted safe sex while children rode ponies and wrestled black belts in judo. Betty Boop

and Buddha stood side by side on the hood of a Volkswagen parked near the electric guitar motorcycle. There were zebra cars and police on horseback followed by men with wheelbarrows, and politicians with donkeys accompanied by Bill and Hillary lookalikes and local officials.

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MAYOR GINA BRUSATORI and Chamber President Bill Kerber flank new chamber member Burt Benepal, co-owner of Denny's Restaurant at 11344 San Pablo Ave.

Big gamble pays off for brothers

By Sewall Glinternick

The Benepal brothers, Ben and Burt, took a serious risk earlier this year when they opened a large new restaurant in El Cerrito - but, it appears their gamble is now paying off in a big way.

Thanks to plenty of hard work on the part of the Benepals and their friendly and efficient staff of 40, the Denny's Restaurant they established at 11344 San Pablo Ave. is growing daily in popularity.

The success of the local Denny's, one of the newer chamber members, did not come easily. It is the result of a lot of planning and effort on the part of the Benepal brothers.

The pair spent over a year looking for a location where they could expand their business, planning the design and layout of the eatery, and then spent long hours working with the contractors to turn a mere shell of a building into an attractive restaurant.

Even today, with the restaurant open and attracting a growing number of loyal patrons, Ben and Burt spend 14 to 15 hours a day personally supervising the operation, handling all guest complaints immediately, and checking the quality and presentation of the food before it goes to the customer.

It's easy to see that all this hard work on their part is not in vain.

"We are pleased and appreciative of the support of all those local people who seem to like both our food and service," declares Ben Benepal. "We are especially proud of the fact so many senior citizens have been attracted by our special senior breakfasts, lunch and dinner menu."

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El Cerrito Chamber

By Sewall Glinternick

organization called Chamber-coupon.com, who will explain the details of a program designed to provide businesses belonging to the Chamber with on-line coupons on the Internet at no cost.

Reservations and menu selection may be made by calling 233-7040 by Sept. 23.

Final payment due

Chamber members who have contracted for advertising space in the new Business Directory due to be released next month are reminded final payment is due before publication.

Those who have not yet done so are being urged to send the amount still due to Courtland Publishing Company, 14044 Ventura Blvd., Suite 305, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423 immediately so as not to delay delivery of the directories.

Constitution dinner

The El Cerrito-Albany Masonic Lodge, an associated member of the Chamber of Commerce, will hold a Constitution Observance Dinner on Monday Sept. 20.

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Focus on California Bank & Trust

By Roxanne Wiley

In case you haven't noticed, the Sumitomo Bank building is now the home of the California Bank & Trust, formed October 1998 as the result of merging three institutions acquired separately by Zions Bancorporation; Sumitomo Bank of California, San Diego based Grossmont Bank and the First Pacific National Bank.

All the same personnel are still in place headed by the capable Amelia Chellew who was with Sumitomo for 26 years and the Albany branch for the last five years. Ms. Chellew is very civic oriented and is an active member of our community. She belongs to the Albany Chamber of Commerce, Solano Avenue Association and devotes much of her time to A La Costa Center and the Bay Area Hispanic Association.

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The Chamber and members of the community welcome the California Bank & Trust under the auspices of Ms. Amelia Chellew, to Albany.

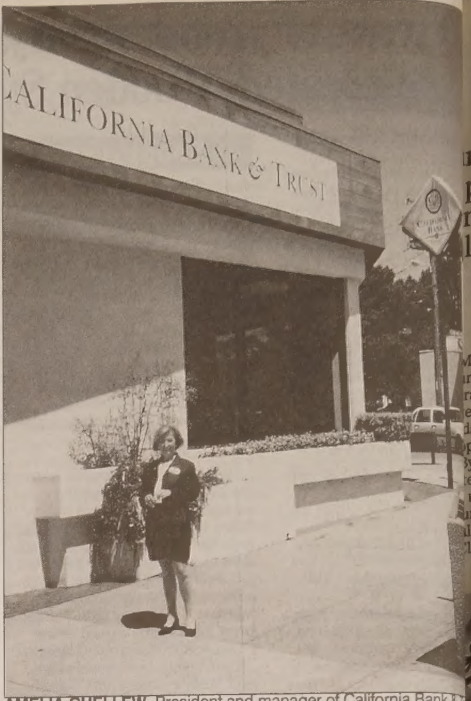
Mixer at California Bank & Trust Sept. 23

A mixer of utmost significance will be held at the California Bank & Trust, hosted by the aforementioned Ms. Chellew, Dr. Charlie Prins and the Chamber of Commerce, on September 23, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

This promises to be a premier event with great food, liquid refreshment as well as a few surprises and of course good company. Do try to be there.

School to work program

This summer the Chamber of Commerce entered into an agree-



AMELIA CHELLEW, President and manager of California Bank & Trust

ment with Albany High School's "School Career Program," to hire part time employees to support our youngsters and offer them a helping hand along the way. It has been so successful that we want to encourage other businesses do the same.

The first employee we hired, Becky Yip, has been such a delight, but sadly she will be entering Davis in late September and will need to be replaced with yet another super kid from Albany High.

The "School to Career Program" is relatively new and was developed to introduce high school students to the work environment by making education more relevant by incorporating practical work experience into the curriculum. There is a similar program at UC Berkeley which is a pilot program beginning this month in the Biology Scholars Program.

At the Albany High School Kick-off on August 24, the community was introduced to the new Superintendent, Gary Mills, new Principal Gloria Galindo, two new Vice Principals, Amy Hanson and Randall Booker and Carolle Sly, PTA President.

Albany Chamber car show

Heretofore, the Albany Chamber of Commerce and David Arroyo have been hosting a car show the month of August. This year it is postponed because there was show on the 4th of July. It now will be postponed until next year due to unforeseen circumstances. Our apologies to all the faithful owners who look forward to the annual event. Next year will be

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Line pulls tighter on Contra Costa growth

Supervisors' unanimous but still preliminary vote moves to protect large tracts from building

By Larry Spears

MARTINEZ — Contra Costa county supervisors Tuesday moved dramatically to restrict future growth tentatively agreeing to put thousands of more acres off-limits to developers.

A 3,500-house development near Brentwood being proposed by the Cowell Foundation and a 152-house subdivision in Pittsburg planned by developer A.D. Seeno would be among the future projects nixed.

A final decision won't be made until sometime next year, after environmental reviews.

The board endorsed a proposal by Supervisor Joe Cenciarella that pulls an 8-year-old growth limit line away from grasslands and back toward city boundaries in his East County district. Supervisors also asked county staff to study Cenciarella's milder alternative, a proposal that would deal less severe cuts to some cities.

In either case, the Cowell and Seeno projects remain outside the line.

Cowell Foundation President Mary Metz told supervisors the new limits would hit Brentwood — and her foundation — particularly hard. "I have heard no explanation," she said.

A Seeno spokesman said that the company would have no comment.

Canciarella said sprawl has clogged county highways and transit systems, especially in East County, where another 18,000 houses have already been approved.

"To allow growth without transportation improvements is like an addict — 'Just one more will fix me. Then I won't need any more,'" Canciarella said.

He added that while the belt-tightening tentatively approved Tuesday would not stop all growth, turn people away or block development, it would at least buy time to carefully study other solutions.

Other major projects affected by the proposed growth boundary changes include:

A 250-acre space for development in the Marsh Creek area. The county staff recommended 125 acres, but supervisors went for zero. Clayton Mayor Pete Laurence argued that the city had included the area in its plans

for years without county objections.

The 327-acre Elworthy Ranch proposal in Danville. The city, sensing the board's direction, voluntarily withdrew the proposal. Supervisor Donna Gerber announced the switch during the meeting.

Brentwood Mayor Quintin Kidd said the shrunken urban boundaries would choke his city's plans for economic growth that could bring more jobs and ease traffic.

Brentwood would probably have to scrap plans for more affordable housing, a community college and a regional sports complex, he said. The city would also lose a chance to attract spill-over technological growth from Silicon Valley.

"We've lost an opportunity for a significant business park," Kidd said.

Canciarella said his alternative proposal gives Pittsburg an added corridor along Bailey Road, the Sky Ranch property on the east side. He said it also adds developable space for Antioch and Brentwood, gives

Oakley a small corridor for commercial development and preserves agriculture around Knightsen.

One by one, though, Canciarella told city leaders why he found fault with their arguments. Pittsburg officials said they wanted upscale housing, he said, but had blown opportunities to include upper-end housing in a recent project.

And he said high-income executives were unlikely to move in until Pittsburg improves its schools.

Cowell, he said, could bring back its plans in eight or 10 years, but now is not the time. "It's too much, too soon, too far away," he said.

Cities have plenty of space left for growth, Cenciarella said.

Tuesday's proposals were written in soft clay and subject to change. Cenciarella reminded cities that they can override the urban limits if they can win approval from the Local Agency Formation Commission.

LAFCO so far, though, has upheld limits.

Music on Squirrel Hill

On Sunday, Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m., the acclaimed Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, directed by Terrance Kelly, brings its message of hope, joy, and unity to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, located in Kensington at 1 Lawson Rd. The program is part of the church's Music on Squirrel Hill series, which presents Bay Area musicians in concert.

The choir, a multiracial, interfaith group of 55 vocalists, has won the Gospel Academy Award and performed throughout the United States, and in Canada and Australia. It has two albums to its credit — "The Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir - Live!" and "We've Come a Mighty Long Way" — and has performed on three Grammy award-winning albums: Linda Ronstadt's "Cry Like a Rainstorm," "Howl Like the Wind," MC Hammer's "Too Legit to Quit," and Tramine Hawkins' "Tramine - Live." The group also recorded on an album of the renowned Kronos Quartet. The church which has free parking and is wheelchair-accessible. Suggested donations are \$15 general, and \$10 for students and seniors. Advance tickets: 845-5015.



Caring for your senior dog

Allen A. Cesafsky, D.V.M.

Use these signs as a guideline to determine if your dog is an older dog:

• Changes in hearing — Hearing loss is common among older dogs. Your dog's hearing isn't as sharp as it used to be if he doesn't respond to names or verbal cues, or suddenly changes in urination — Excessive urination and frequent or uncontrolled

urination are often signs of kidney problems or diabetes. Inappropriate urination may be caused by a hormone imbalance, which is most common in spayed females.

• Changes in eating habits — An older dog is more likely to develop tooth and gum disease. Because of sore gums or loose teeth, he may let food drop out of his mouth or refuse to eat.

• Breathing problems — Some dogs are susceptible to heart disease. Coughing, difficulty in breathing

and tiredness could indicate possible cardiac problems.

• Changes in vision — A hazy, bluish cast on your aging dog's eyes is normal and usually does not hinder the eyesight. However, the hazy whitish growth of cataracts can lead to blindness.

• Weight gain or loss — A dog's metabolism slows down as he gets older. He becomes less active and may gain weight. Sudden weight loss should be reported to your veterinarian, this could signify an internal problem.

• Skin and coat — An older dog's skin thickens and should be checked for lumps, cysts, and tumors. The coat may also become less luxurious and sparse, sometimes indicating a hormone imbalance.

It is important to be aware of problems often seen in the senior dog, which typically begin around 7 years of age. Contact your veterinarian if you notice any of these changes.

Cats on Treasure Island still need your help Volunteers help SPCA feed feral cats

Two years ago, the families of the U.S. Navy moved out of Treasure Island. Many of these families had domesticated cats. However, when these naval families were transferred to the state of Washington, most of them left behind their pet cats. These abandoned cats are now roaming throughout the island. The cats quickly multiplied. These once domesticated cats have now become feral cats.

Animal groups think there are about 250 to 400 feral cats on the island. At one time they was discussion by an agency of the United States Government to exterminate the cats on Treasure Island. When animal groups heard about the extermination policy they vehemently protested. A group of volunteers from San Francisco and Marin County stated that they would feed these cats.

The volunteers from Marin

County bought their cat food at the Pet Club store in Corte Madera because Pet Club had the lowest cat food prices. While they were making their purchases, they also approached the management of Pet Club for help asking for food donations.

When the management board about the plight of the cats on Treasure Island, they decided to give a helping hand. The Pet Club has set up donation boxes near the entrance in most of their stores. Furthermore, they will donate their surplus cat food and partially-opened dry food (returned food from customers) to these cats.

The San Francisco SPCA has also stepped in to help these feral cats. They have been granted permission to enter Treasure Island. Under the SPCA "feral fix" program, the cats (1) will be humanely trapped; (2) will be given physical examinations; (3) will be vaccinated; (4) will be spayed or neutered; (5) cats that

need medical attention will be medicated and treated; and finally (6) they will be returned safely back to the island. So far 50 cats have been trapped and have been returned to the island under the "feral fix" program.

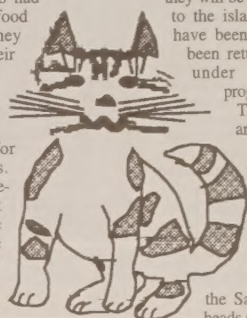
These animal groups are trying humanely to control the pet population.

Eventually the cat population will dwindle when "feral fix" program is completed.

Helen Embree of the San Francisco SPCA heads a group of volunteers to feed the cats on the island.

The food donations from Pet Club have been a great help, but they still need more money to buy food. Since there are so many cats, the volunteers are asking for cash donations to take care of the cats in the long term. Please send your tax deductible donations to Ohlone Humane Society, 39120 Argonaut Way #108, Fremont, California 91538-1304, 510-490-4587.

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Contra Costa County's Asian, Latino counts surge

Census updates reflect increases of 50% and 46.8%, respectively, from 1990 to 1998, well beyond national rates

By Mary F. Pols

Asian and Latino populations in Contra Costa County continue to surge at levels well above the already substantial national gains in those racial and ethnic groups, according to estimates released by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Nationwide, the Asian and Pacific Islander population increased 40.8 percent from 1990 to 1998, while statisticians estimate a striking 50 percent increase for the same group in Contra Costa, which ranks 16th nationally among counties for the size of its Asian population of 117,782.

In Alameda County, ranked seventh nationwide with an estimated 271,000 Asian residents, that population grew 35 percent since 1990, about a percentage point higher than the California gain.

The Latino population total in the region also continues to skyrocket.

In Contra Costa, it was up 46.8 percent since 1990 — from 91,284 in 1990 to 134,018 in 1998 — soaring well above the national gain of 35.2 percent and also above the California gain of 33.6 percent.

In Alameda County, it was up 33.3 percent, for a total of 254,989.

In sharp contrast, the white population of Alameda County only increased by 0.8 percent from 1990 to 1998, for a total of 851,697. In Contra Costa, the white population grew 9.5 percent in the same period, to 704,862.

The trend of growing diversity is leading to a time when "everybody's a minority," said Vanderbilt University historian Hugh Davis Graham.

Census officials cautioned that today's numbers are still estimates and that the 2000 census will provide more solid information on the country's racial and ethnic makeup.

For the first time, the 2000 Cen-

sus will look at the growing numbers of Americans of mixed racial or ethnic backgrounds.

"We need a good snapshot from next year's census to document the increasing diversity of the country," Census Bureau director Kenneth Pre-witt said.

Blacks, whose numbers grew almost 13 percent from 1990 to 1998, remain the nation's largest minority at 12.7 percent of the 270 million people.

But the Latino population will overtake the non-Latino black population by the end of 2004, said Census Bureau statistician Larry Sink.

The group's political clout is growing simultaneously, as evidenced by the war being waged between presidential candidates George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore for the Latino vote.

"We've seen race relations as a black-white issue," said Roderick Harrison of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a Washington think tank.

"Clearly, the size of the Hispanic population and the Asian population turns it into a multicultural issue."

The Census Bureau has not studied the individual geographic surges in minority populations from 1990 to 1998, but statistician Amy Smith said it is likely the East Bay surge in Asian and Latino populations can be attributed to the Bay Area's status as a hub of international migration.

"They land in San Francisco and, from some research by the Census Bureau, we think they don't necessarily spread," she said. "They are clustering in California."

While other states showed radical spikes in the size of their minor-

ity populations — the number of Latinos in Arkansas shot up by 149 percent for instance and doubled in Georgia, Nevada and North Carolina — California continued to have the largest populations of both Asians and Latinos. There are an estimated 10.1 million Latinos living in California. Texas, with 5.9 million, is a not-even-close second.

The white population in California continues to grow at a much lower rate of 7.1 percent.

With an estimate of 25.9 million whites living in California in 1998, whites are still by far the largest group in the state. Officials expect Latinos to surpass whites as the majority group sometime after 2020.

Contra Costa demographer Linda Moulton said the 1998 estimates have little long-term relevance.

"This is just an estimate and nothing is going to be done with it," she said.

"All of the numbers used for grants are the 1990 census. You use the 1990 numbers until the 2000 numbers come out."

Associated Press contributed to this story.

Historic Morgan theater announces lineup for fall season

The Julia Morgan Center for the Arts is hosting 31 different shows ranging from Wallace Shawn plays, to World War II, Broadway, gospel and experimental music, and holiday shows including Circus, Dance, Christmas and New Year's perfor-

Permit

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the Community Development Director to make final administrative actions without the approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission that drew the most heated debate.

"I'd like to see the details of such permits," said Evan Flavell, a member of the commission.

Flavell agreed permits could be approved in a "more timely manner," and said that goal could be achieved without taking them entirely out of the survey of commissions, which he said provide "public oversight."

Flavell said requests for permits should be included on the "consent calendar" of the Commission, which could then be "quickly approved" with a single vote while still assuring that applications undergo a public review.

(The consent calendar generally contains items commissions and other bodies believe are not controversial. All such items can be accepted in one vote, if there is no objection by the body as a whole.)

Michael Finer, also a member of the Planning Commission, issued a terse rebuke, insisting there was no need for such oversight.

"We need to show a little respect for staff members," Finer declared. "They went to college, they know more than any of us do."

"The idea that we can't even trust the pros we have hired" is nonsense, Finer added.

Arguing in favor of a careful pub-

lic review process, Chris Henri complained she first learned that a neighbor was building a new room "across my back fence," when the contractors arrived to begin construction.

She pointed to her experience as an example of why public review is important.

City Administrator Daren Fields suggested residents living near a proposed addition to a residential property be given more than 10 days notice before construction begins, as regulations currently require.

Fields also suggested that all individuals who plan to add or expand their homes should give neighbors that live within a 100 foot radius of their property advanced notification of their plans.

Currently, the process involves posting a notice nearby.

The council agreed that after staff incorporates these and other suggestions into the proposed ordinance, they will reconsider it this October.

Other business

The council voted 3-2 to approve a resolution that revised the methods the Traffic and Safety Commis-

sion determines where a sign should be erected.

Councilman Robert G. McManus voted no, Mayor Thomsen, Ely and Marris voted yes.

Announcements and Forum

Marris stated that anyone "homeless" on the Bulb should be served.

Dario Meniketti said it was "darn difficult" to cross the street, an issue he has frequently brought to the council's attention.

Peter Hobart condemned the "negative impact" of the construction of new housing at the Village has had on the City of Fremont.

"I hardly need to go to the gym anymore, (the building) is shocking," he said.

Hobart urged the City Council to contact the University of California and urge them to plant more green trees and other landscaping. He said "cut from the budget" by UC builders. McManus

The next meeting of the council will be Tuesday, Sept. 21, due to the Yom Kippur holiday.

Extended Deadline Weddings & Entertaining With Style

"The Changing Colors of Autumn"

Introducing ... an exciting feature that will have useful news providing Brides with new ideas incorporating fall color & design and information written by Gina de Paulo, an expert in the wedding field.

We have had an unusually mild summer here in the Bay Area while the rest of the nation has sweltered. The weather has been so cool, in fact, that it feels like summer has slipped on by. Don't get too comfortable though - we always have a last sigh of heat with Indian Summer heralding the first days of autumn.

And autumn it already is - in the plant world. In the wholesale floral markets, flowers with golden tones and deep burgundies are already flowing in, while the light hearted summer flowers are fading. So take your cue from nature and begin steadily changing over to fall colors in your home decor.

You don't have to invest in expensive decorating to get the effect of a seasonal change. Be creative and imaginative with the accents in your home. That same sofa will do just drape a rich autumn colored throw blanket on it, add some velvet pillows in a burnished hue with maybe a small throw rug in harvest colors - and you have transformed a room. Go through your home and see where a color accent piece could be wrapped up, quietly put away and replaced with a rich, warm colored accent. Who says rooms have to remain the same year round?

Don't miss this exclusive opportunity to advertise to the growing Bay Area and Contra Costa wedding markets.



Gina DePaulo

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Blotter

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■ At 3:15 a.m. Sept. 4, police arrested an inebriated man in plaid after he passed out on a table at Denny's Restaurant on San Pablo Avenue.

■ Two young girls, ages 13 and 14, were arrested by Target security and later charged with petty theft after pocketing \$27.57 in merchandise the afternoon of Sept. 4.

■ A 43-year-old woman decided to take a walk Sept. 6 when confronted by police during a traffic stop. When two officers pursued her, the suspect allegedly put up a fight and resisted arrest.

■ Sometime during the late night or early morning of Sept. 6 or 7, a thief broke into a camper parked on the 700 block of Liberty Street and swiped golf clubs and gardening tools.

■ Eight blocks away during that same time period, a thief forced open the door latch of an apartment building carport located on the 1500 block of Liberty, prowled the parking lot then stole a flashlight from an unlocked 1990 Honda Civic.

■ That same night, at the same apartment building, a thief broke into another 1990 Honda Civic and ripped off an in-dash stereo valued at \$200.

Chamber

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longing to the Chamber with on-line coupons on the Internet at no cost.

Reservations and menu selection may be made by calling 233-7040 by Sept. 23.

Final payment due

Chamber members who have

contracted for advertising space in the new Business Directory due to be released next month are reminded final payment is due before publication.

Those who have not yet done so are being urged to send the amount still due to Courtland Publishing Company, 14044 Ventura Blvd., Suite 305, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423 immediately so as not to delay delivery of the directories.

Constitution dinner

The El Cerrito-Albany Masonic Lodge, an associated member of the Chamber of Commerce, will hold a Constitution Observance Dinner on Monday Sept. 20.

Set for 6:30 p.m. at El Cerrito Masonic Center, 6922 Stockton Ave., this event will feature an old-fashioned continental dinner followed by a one-hour video called "George Washington."

This is Where It's Happenin'...In The Kids Kalendar

Announcing A HALLOWEEN Special **EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

Section for our Young Readers. Advertise your business in this new section appearing in the third week of October in:

- The Montclairion
- The Piedmonter
- The Berkeley Voice • The Journal
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with a circulation of over 93,500 homes.

Along with your ad, you may submit an article about your business (Limited to 40 words) along with a photo of your business.

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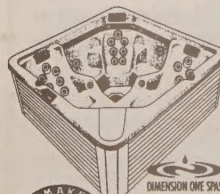
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Savory soups include Chicken Won Ton, Egg Drop, Velvet Corn and Chicken Soup. Seafood includes Tofu, Hot and Sour - yes, there are more to choose from. Not the least of which are the marinated entrees including Spicy Szechuan Prawns, Kung Pao Chicken and delicious Walnut Chicken and tantalizing Skallops with Hot Garlic Sauce.

Bring some friends. Eve's family dinners are a combination of sizzling soup, delectable appetizers and a wide variety of house specialties.

Eve's Hunan Restaurant features lunch specials, an early bird menu and dinner discounts. Eve's is located one-half block South of the Rockridge BART station on College Avenue.

Garibaldi's on College

536 College Ave., near Manilla,
Oakland (510) 595-4000

The menu at Garibaldi's focuses on

Mediterranean-style seafood, from tantalizing appetizers (baked oysters, scallop ceviche) to perfectly done entrees (grilled swordfish, spaghetti with scallops and prawns).

Zesty mussels with saffron, aioli and orange are piled high, and a rich dessert of warm chocolate pudding-cake, espresso ice cream and toasted nuts is enough to satisfy almost anyone.

First-rate pizzas and cold tapas make this a great place for sharing, and a semi-private back dining room is good for groups.

Major cards accepted and wheelchair accessible.

Kimball's East

Emerybay Public Market
Emeryville (510) 658-2555

The Bay Area's finest entertainment venue. Please check our website for our complete entertainment schedule: www.kimball.com. We are located in the heart of Emeryville at 5800 Shellmound Street #200. Our phone number is (510) 658-2555 and fax number is (510) 658-3964.

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5362 College Avenue
Oakland (510) 420-8822

Come join us in celebrating our 18th

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Our chef has also prepared an extraordinary Seafood Specials menu for this occasion. Try our award-winning sumptuous desserts, Gâteau La Creme and Pear Broche. You can also enjoy your dining experience in our heated garden patio. Please call (510) 420-8822 for reservations.

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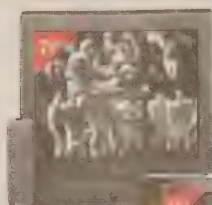
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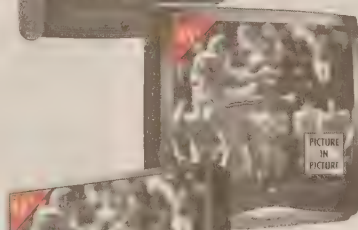
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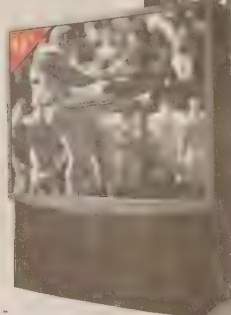
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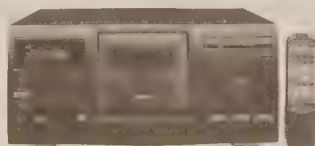
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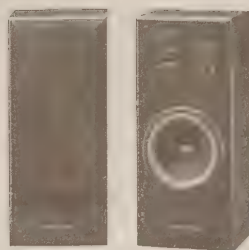
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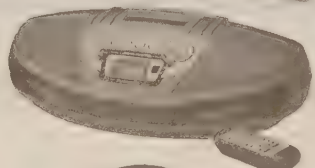
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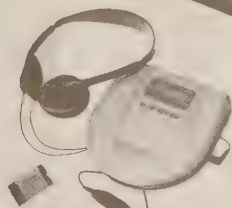
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Arts and Crafts homes rise to the occasion

Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association kicks off third fall tour

By Arlene Baxter
FOR HILLS NEWSPAPERS

Pioneers in the Arts and Crafts Movement did more than give rise to natural-feeling, sturdy dwellings and furniture. They prompted Americans to rethink the relationship of art to everyday life. The results captivated the imagination of turn-of-the-century America, and they speak to us today as we prepare for a new millennium.

Perhaps Gustav Stickley, an expert in the aesthetic, said it best in "Craftsman Homes" (1909):

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The style is characterized by clean, functional lines; geometric, rectilinear

patterns with sparing use of curves; fun with light and shadow; and lots of wood.

In the United States, Arts and Crafts branched into looks as diverse as the Wrightian Prairie, the Box or Foursquare and the Bungalow.

See for yourself. On Sunday, September 26, The Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association presents its third fall tour of East Bay Area Arts and Crafts masterpieces.

The Arts and Crafts Movement stretched from 1890 to 1929. Homes on BAH's tour were built in the heart of the movement, from 1905 until 1920. It was a time of rapid development among Berkeley and Oakland neighborhoods — a boom time for architects.

The inside scoop

Tour planners say visitors are in for a treat this year as many of the homes on

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19 HILLCREST Ave. in Berkeley shows off its Arts and Crafts pedigree with a wide, rectilinear facade, tile roof and wide, patterned windows. The home fits into its surroundings effortlessly, taking advantage of natural landscaping.

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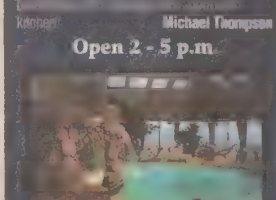
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Photos focus on where we're going

I've filled four photo albums with pictures of our real estate life and have started a fifth. I love going through the albums remembering our friends and helpers, seeing again "before and afters."

I have not labeled or dated the pages; I know what they all are. The photos are put in as they are taken so one house or one client may appear in several different places. For example, one of our listings will be photographed as we originally saw it and will reappear a few pages later as the house is being worked on, and later in the book will, show up ready for market.

There are many photos taken in title company conference rooms, we and our clients smiling, arms draped around one another, some with clients pressing their thumb prints in a notary book. Some pictures are of clients on moving day and some at housewarming parties.

Many are pictures taken during physical inspections, different buyers up on different roofs or standing inside the houses they will later make home.

There's a funny picture of Sharon



By Tarpoff and Talbert

and her inspector, both with paper face masks and knee protectors on. They're about to crawl under the house that Sharon was buying.

Another good photo shows a dozen or so friends and relatives in the backyard of the house Ken and Annie bought. They'd all showed up for the inspection. We laughed that day that we hadn't thought to arrange a barbecue lunch.

Philip is shown sitting inside his car in what is now his and April's garage. He has just driven up the steep driveway and has found that the automatic door works fine but

that fitting two cars in the garage will be tight.

From that same morning, there is a picture of April who, along with Anet, is looking at warming shelves over the stove. None of us had ever seen warming shelves before and we could hardly wait for the opportunity to try them out.

During Ken and Becca's house inspection, Becca asked if she could run a load of wash in the stacking washer and dryer. The new unit fit snugly in a closet and hadn't been plugged in. Becca, Anet and I pulled the washer/dryer towards us, balancing it on the front edge while we reached around behind to the plug, howling with laughter all the while. There is no photo of our maneuvers because all our hands were full, but the memory comes back to me as I look at other pictures taken that day.

Some pictures are of workers and helpers. We've photographed fireplace repairs in progress at several houses, Paul Mickiewicz sitting on a canvas drop cloth, his legs extending into the fireplace openings. And Jill Heine, looking serene, high above the ground washing windows. Jody

Allen, our tree guy, is shown hefting tree limbs into his truck.

There is a series of startling shots of a house hoisted several feet off the ground in preparation for a new foundation. The house is supported by long steel beams which have been lowered by a crane on a large truck parked in the street. Fireplace bricks have fallen into the driveway. As part of this project, Jonathan and Mary Ann arranged to level the floors and rebuild the fireplace.

Another day, at Pam and Rick's house, we went to watch and photograph another crane, this one used for taking down enormous trees which had overshadowed their house. I remember how efficient the ground crew was. We couldn't get over how quickly and well they dealt with the enormous and heavy chunks of wood as they were lowered by the crane cable, and were disappointed that we had to leave for another appointment before the job was finished.

Anet snapped a shot of me mopping the kitchen floor in one of our Berkeley listings and again at Alan

See PATANET, Page B11

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, Sept. 18

Free lectures. "What you need to know before you build or remodel," preview of the Homeowner's Essential Course. Learn to solder pipe and more. 10 a.m. to noon. "Choosing to add on: The pros and cons of building an addition." Noon to 2 p.m. Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley. Call 525-7610.

Friday, Sept. 24

Tech fair and barbecue. Come exhibit your company's latest technological advances to the members of the Berkeley and Oakland boards of Realtors. Noon to 4 p.m. at The Oakland Association of Realtors, 1528 Webster St., Oakland. The cost to exhibitors is \$100 per booth which can be paid in the form of a certificate for goods and services or by check. The price includes a six-foot square booth in the main auditorium, electrical outlets, a table and space for signage. To reserve your space, contact Bill Provost at 510-

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Wednesday, Sept. 29

Earthquake. Slide presentation and talk by Hills Newspaper columnist and local contractor Don Pearson on disaster preparedness for homeowners, contractors and designers. Features fire prevention techniques. Fee is \$3. Builders Booksstore, 1817 Fourth St., Berkeley. Call 800-843-2028 for reservation.

Sunday, Oct. 10

Kitchen tour. "A Tasteful Tour of Rockridge Kitchens." Noon to 5 p.m. Nine proud homeowners with newly remodeled kitchens join forces with 20 Rockridge restaurants to raise funds for The Rockridge Community Planning Council. Tour guests will enjoy the convenience of easy walking among the homes. Diverse cuisine samples from Oliveto, Citron, Garibaldi's, La Creme de la Creme, Market Hall Pasta Shop,

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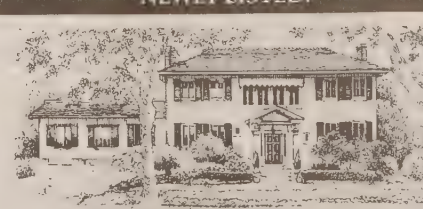
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Bay Area rents set record

Survey shows biggest rises in the lowest-cost areas

By Psyche Pascual
CONTRA COSTA NEWSPAPERS

Average rents have climbed to record levels in the East Bay, breaking through the \$1,000-a-month mark in cities where job growth is the healthiest, according to a real estate information service survey.

Oakland, for example, has cheap studios, but it also has three-bedroom apartments priced at \$2,117, a reflection of high demand, according to Novato-based RealFacts' survey of the quarter that ended June 30. And while it is still possible to rent a \$562-a-month studio in Pittsburg and a \$585-a-month studio in Oakland, there are many more units priced well above \$1,000, according to RealFacts.

The wide disparity in rents reflects the boom economy has done to the market, which was considered one of the more affordable parts of the Bay Area.

Rents year-to-year rose an average of 7.7 percent in Contra Costa County and 5.8 percent in Alameda County. And they climbed the fastest in areas that have traditionally had the lowest-priced housing in the region.

Antioch, Concord, Pittsburg, Richmond and San Pablo saw the steepest rent increases compared with the same period a year ago, 8.4 to 10.3 percent. But even cities in the Tri Valley — considered the most affluent in the East Bay — have seen increases from 3.2 to 6.7 percent.

It may come as no surprise that Pleasanton was the only city in the East Bay where there were no studios priced below \$1,000 a month. Although there were some in nearby Dublin and Livermore renting in the 900s, they also are fast approaching the \$1,000 mark.

RealFacts only tracks rental trends in the region's largest apartment buildings, so the data does not include smaller complexes. Property managers say there is still room for rent increases of up to 10 percent within the next year, and only a small fraction of the permits issued for residential construction are for apartments rather than houses.

Four apartment complexes have opened or are expected to open in the Tri-Valley within the next six to nine months, creating about 1,300 new units for rent. But only about 500 apartment complexes are expected to come on line in the East Bay as a whole during the same time, according to Steve Smiley, a principal at the Pleasanton office of the Meyers Group, a real estate consulting service.

With job growth and demand still

high in Silicon Valley, the Peninsula and San Francisco, East Bay cities still offer relatively cheap housing for people who don't mind commuting long distances.

Michelle Garza, 25, of Hollister, now commutes more than two hours to her job as a customer service representative at AT&T in Pleasanton. So when she found an \$885-a-month one-bedroom unit at Rhonewood Apartments in Livermore, she decided to move.

"I looked everywhere in San Jose," she said. "But everything we were looking at was at \$1,400 or \$1,500."

Rosemary Guardado, 42, who spent weeks looking for a two-bedroom apartment for herself and three children, wasn't prepared for the steep rents she found in Pleasanton and Dublin. She finally found a \$995-a-month apartment at Rhonewood.

"The prices here are just way outrageous," said Guardado, who planned to move from Fairfield. "At one place I called, I said, 'How much is a two-bedroom?' They said \$1,400 or \$1,500. 'Oh, my God,' I said. 'Are there maids there? Do you have gold faucets?'"

High rents have made it increasingly difficult for East Bay businesses that rely on large vacancies in the apartment market to house their relocating executives.

Tylene Albrecht, an administrative services consultant for ReloAction Corporate Relocation Services in Pleasanton, said the demand for rentals has made companies like hers scramble to find temporary housing for executives.

Most complexes are 95 percent full, and older complexes with more vacancies are rejected by large corporations because they usually don't

have many amenities such as work-out rooms and pools, Albrecht said.

And in this hot market, some apartment managers have decided not to set aside units for businesses, making it more difficult for ReloAction to find temporary housing, she added.

Even older complexes have a very low vacancy rate. Rhonewood, which was built 25 years ago, says its vacancy rate has gone down.

Many of the renters there work in Silicon Valley but were forced to commute from far-flung cities in the Central Valley and Solano County.

"There's a lot of people from Stockton going to San Jose," property manager Joy Dahlem said. "They could spend more and live in Pleasanton and Dublin, but we're on the lower end of the scale. We're just a better deal."

Property managers like Dahlem are acutely aware of price increases or decreases in the market. Rents were actually higher at Rhonewood, Dahlem said, until she lowered them to attract more tenants.

The Internet has also made it easier for property managers to check on rents at nearby complexes — and raise their own at a moment's notice.

Prospective tenants can find apartments on Rent.net, a free listing service based in San Francisco, but landlords have to pay to list their properties, said Andrew Straus, vice president of directory services. Many landlords take advantage of the Internet to check on competitors' prices. They sometimes raise prices within one business day, he said.

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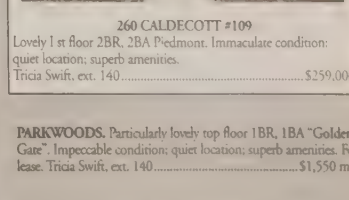
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One of the first issues to consider is whether to attempt to sell the property while the tenant is living in it.

An advantage to this approach is that the seller continues to receive rental income until the home is sold.

There also is less delay between the time you decide to sell and the date the showings begin. It will take at least 30 days to get a tenant out if you de-

Real Estate Forum



By Dian Hymer

Hot market means owners can cash in—but renters may have their own agenda.

cide to sell the property vacated.

One major consideration is how the property looks with the tenant living there. Tenants may not have furnishings that show well in the property. If you have such a tenant,

Work with tenants to mutual advantage

it may be difficult or impossible to sell your property. That'll cost you time and money. Most homebuyers want to buy homes that are clean and tidy.

One owner found out the hard way that selling a tenant-occupied property was a costly proposition. The home was being sold to settle an estate. The tenant didn't want the property to be sold so she made it difficult for agents to show the property.

She went so far as to lock the deadbolt lock on the front door from the inside when she knew that agents were planning to show the property. The home got a bad reputation within

the real estate community. It couldn't be shown, so it couldn't be sold.

Finally, the administrator took the property off the market, evicted the tenant and had the property professionally cleaned before putting it back on the market.

She also had to lower the price to rekindle enthusiasm for the listing. The best way to sell a tenant-occupied property is to give the tenant notice to leave before the property is marketed to potential buyers.

Then have the property professionally cleaned, including the windows—inside and out. If the carpet is deteriorated or outdated, replace it. The same goes for linoleum. Paint

where necessary. Hire a decorator with expertise in staging homes for sale to bring in minimal furnishings and decorative accessories to give the home a "lived-in" look. Spruce up the yard.

Then you're ready to market the property to the buying public. You'll have to sacrifice the rental income, but you're likely to sell quickly and profitably if you price the property accurately for the market.

If you have no alternative but to sell a property with the tenant present, there are several ways to improve your odds of a profitable sale.

Offer the tenant a rent rebate in exchange for cooperating with your marketing efforts. The best way to accomplish this is to refund a portion

of the rent to the tenant at the sale closes.

Set up a showing procedure that requires agents to give advance notice before showing so that tenants can maintain their sanity during the marketing process.

You might consider paying tenants' moving costs if they agree to move early if necessary to accommodate a motivated buyer.

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Rates are up, but refinancing makes sense

Securing mortgage relief is one of the most common reasons to refinance a mortgage. The aim is to lower your payment significantly.

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By Karen Senzig

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The maximum adjustment is 2 percent (taking the rate to 7.75) or the index plus the lender's margin, whichever is less.

When you do the math, it certainly makes sense for the borrower who is more concerned about the monthly payment than the tax benefit of the higher interest rate.

Take the borrower whose original mortgage was a 30 year amortization of \$400,000 at a fixed interest rate of 7.75 percent. The principle and interest payment would be \$2,865.65 per month.

Reduce the interest rate to 5.75 percent with a 40 year amortization

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Be wise to the true savings, however, since there are still some non-recurring closing costs to be paid. Although there are no points on this loan, title insurance, lender fees, escrow and appraisal costs will add up to well over \$2,100 leaving you with a net savings of about \$6,700.

Karen Senzig is Co-owner of Montclair Mortgage with her husband Scott. She can be reached (510) 339-8511, FAX (510) 339-3814, E-mail at Ksenzig@aol.com. Please contact her with any mortgage questions for discussion.

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Architect off beaten tract: Eichler's postwar dream focus of Cal-Berkeley display

By Patricia Haller
CORRESPONDENT

A BOOMING Bay Area economy and a shortage of affordable homes led to the growing population fuel suburban sprawl.

Sound familiar?

But we're not talking 1999 here. We're talking about the post-World War II boom 50 years ago, which led to the architect Joseph Eichler to develop a uniquely Californian dream of what tract homes should be: affordable but stylish, with open plans that blend indoors and outdoors into a modern, but livable whole.

Between the late 1940s and early 1960s, Eichler and his architects designed and built more than 12,000 homes, examples of what San Francisco architect Paul Adamson calls "post-war, pre-Watergate decades."

Born in the Bay Area, with enclaves stretching through communities like Walnut Creek, Concord, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale, the design of Eichler's homes influenced the way Americans everywhere lived in the post-war, pre-Watergate decades.

That style and way of life have been dismissed by some as suburban kitsch. But Adamson refutes the charge in his exhibit, "Building the California Dream: The Eichler Homes," which opens today at UC-Berkeley. Adamson and co-curator, University of Texas professor Kevin Carter, use full-scale details, drawings and especially the photographs of

EXHIBIT PREVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Building the California Dream: The Eichler Homes," the Bay Area debut of the traveling exhibit of homes by Joseph Eichler.

■ **WHERE:** UC-Berkeley, Worth Ryder Art Gallery, 116 Kroeber Hall, College and Bancroft avenues.

■ **WHEN:** Now through Oct. 1; hours are noon-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays; reception 5:30-7:30 tonight in gallery, and symposium 7 p.m. Friday in 1 Pi-mental Hall.

■ **HOW MUCH:** Free.

■ **CALL:** UC-Berkeley College of Environmental Design, 510-642-0831.



ERIN BRAUN/EICHLER NETWORK ARCHIVES

JOSEPH EICHLER began designing homes at the end of the war, when homes with functionality and charm were in demand (right). Eichler's homes stayed away from typical tract housing. Incorporating people into Eichler's brochures (above) made Ernie Braun famous.



a regional flavor, responded to the social issues of the time and came up with real solutions — and they were done with style, as well."

A new America

A former produce manager, Eichler began building homes in 1946,

anxious to get in on the Bay Area building boom fueled by millions of GIs returning from the war to start families and new lives.

But unlike other builders, "who are ordinarily conservative people whose tastes are dictated by the market," said Adamson, Eichler was so-

cially progressive with a love for good design. Inspired by a Frank Lloyd Wright home in Hillsborough, which he rented during the War, Eichler dreamed of building homes for the middle-class buyer that combined both modern flair and affordability.

So in 1949, while other builders were throwing up prefabricated cookie-cutter homes, Eichler teamed up with top architects who shared his vision, like Robert Anshen of the

See EICHLER, Page B10

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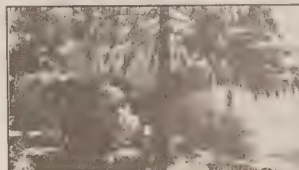


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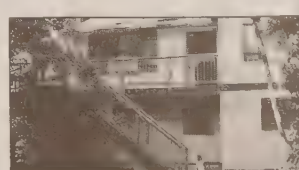
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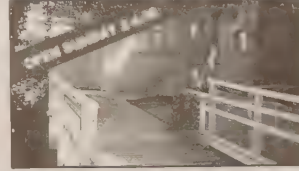
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2358 Highgate Dr - \$235,000
4060 Hillcrest Rd - \$115,000
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819 Lassen St - \$153,000
3396 Longview Ct - \$241,000
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3667 Stoeneglen #3 - \$120,000
1010 View Dr - \$155,000
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1585 162nd Av - \$113,000
2099 167th Av - \$198,500
14796 Acacia St - \$228,000
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2135 Altamont Rd - \$175,000
1954 Alvarado St - \$175,000
714 Arbor Dr - \$305,000
459 Arroyo Av - \$171,000
1550 Bancroft Av - \$122,000
971 Burkhardt Av - \$243,000
1400 Carpenter St #215 - \$180,000
1400 Carpenter St #229 - \$180,000
14421 Corvallis St - \$210,000
15067 Hesperian Bl #A - \$180,000
1920 Joan Dr - \$180,000
1350 Kelly Av - \$178,000
699 Lee Av - \$339,000
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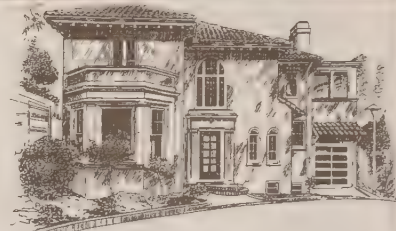
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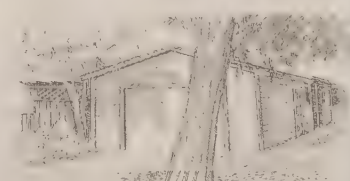
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 1256 Purdue St - \$203,000
 18925 Robey Dr - \$270,000
 1716 Russ Av - \$228,000
 976 San Jose St - \$277,000
 1762 San Leandro Bl - \$223,000
 14407 Seagate Dr #185 - \$189,000
 2121 Sitka St - \$220,000
 1777 Starview Dr - \$385,000
 979 Warden Av - \$160,000
 1777 Washington Av #213 - \$120,000
 14978 Western Av - \$190,000
 1892 Willow Av - \$180,000

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18001 Via Arroyo - \$220,000
 1465 Via Buena Vista - \$208,000
 991 Via Diego - \$180,000
 1997 Via Lacqua - \$249,000
 15816 Via Seco - \$265,000
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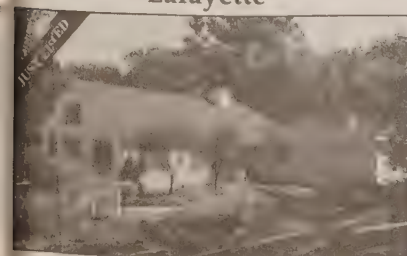
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 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$359,400

TOTAL SALES: 10
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$121,500
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$560,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$220,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$285,650

TOTAL SALES: 24
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$170,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$905,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$377,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$411,250

TOTAL SALES: 8
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$184,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$431,500
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$285,000

AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$306,750

TOTAL SALES: 1
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$136,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$136,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$ 0
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$136,000

TOTAL SALES: 5
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$137,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$190,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$155,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$158,400

TOTAL SALES: 106
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$ 79,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$ 1,435,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$215,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$294,934

TOTAL SALES: 5
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$389,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$700,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$435,000

AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$548,400

TOTAL SALES: 51
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$ 92,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$789,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$155,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$188,569

TOTAL SALES: 37
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$ 80,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$385,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$190,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$200,986

TOTAL SALES: 6
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$180,000
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REAL ESTATE NOTEBOOK

Understand probate to maximize profits

By Robert J. Bruss
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What happens to property when the owner dies?

I was recently asked that question as I read my post office box mail. A widow in my questioner's neighborhood had died about six months ago, and he was wondering what would happen to her vacant house.

The grass hasn't been mowed, and the house looks terrible, he reported. But, he senses a bargain if he could buy the house and fix it up. Then he asked me how he should go about buying that property. Profiting from probate properties isn't easy, but it can be worthwhile.

I suggested he start with the public records from the county recorder's office. Has there been any title transfer to that house? Who receives the property tax bills? Has a probate file been opened? If the local newspaper published a death notice or obituary, it might list the next of kin. Has a "change of address" notice been filed with the post office, and who is receiving the decedents mail?

What is probate?

The process of distributing the assets of the deceased according to their will, living trust or by state intestate succession law is known as probate. The purpose is to pay the decedents debts and then convey the remaining assets to the heirs. Along the probate way, the decedents assets must often be sold to pay debts and taxes.

Unfortunately, probate procedures can be expensive and time-consuming. Although state laws are supposed to limit estate attorney fees and other expenses between 3 and 5 percent of the estate's value, extra costs such as accounting, property management, estate taxes and property sales costs often deplete estates.

For example, Elvis Presley reportedly left a \$10.2 million estate, but estate administration costs were \$7.2 million. That's 72 percent. President Franklin Roosevelt's probate costs were over 30 percent. Entertainer Rick Nelson's probate expenses were also about 30 percent. Even frugal John D. Rockefeller's estate costs consumed 64 percent of his estate. Marilyn Monroe left a \$1

million estate that was depleted by attorneys and others down to only \$101,000, which was distributed to the heirs 18 years later.

Of course, the best way to avoid probate costs and delays is to hold all major assets, especially real estate, in a living trust. But that's another article.

Fortunately for probate bargain hunters, most real estate owners have never heard of living trusts and have no idea how to avoid probate problems.

Why acquire probate properties?

With over one million new probate properties available each year, buying probate real estate is an endless business. It is a little-known source of real and personal property bargains.

The primary reason for buying probate property is to purchase at prices that are at least 20 to 30 percent below market value. Often, the estate must sell real estate to pay debts and taxes.

Frequently, the heirs prefer cash, not real property. If there are no heirs, the property escheats to the state, which quickly sells at a bargain price to raise cash and avoid property management headaches.

As borrowing on probate properties to pay estate expenses is virtually impossible, estate executors, administrators and attorneys become anxious to sell the decedents realty to raise cash. This can create property bargains for buyers willing to tolerate the delays and frustrations of dealing with the probate bureaucracy.

How to find probate properties

The first step to finding possible probate property bargains is to clip the newspaper obituary notes. Then check county property ownership records to see if the deceased owned real estate you might like to buy.

Follow up with tasteful letters to the next of kin (at least 30 days after the funeral), to express interest in acquiring a specific property. Understand that buying probate properties is a percentage game. If you send 100 letters stating your interest

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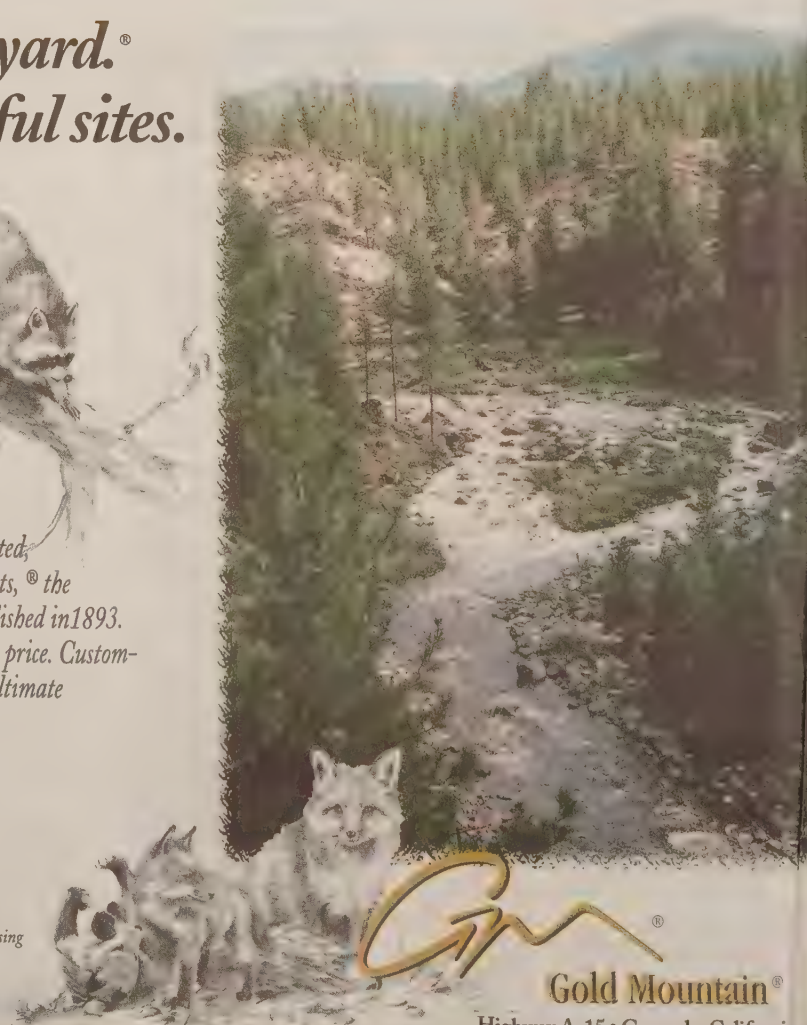
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may be shown with period furnishings and accessories. Local dealers and collectors are bringing furniture, textiles, pottery, paintings to complete the illusion, well, time travel.

Many homes built during this period are simple, powerful designs. "How the Neighbors Lived" make the Arts and Crafts lover right at home.

Beautiful Necessity

According to Bruce Smith, co-founder of Berkeley's Arts & Crafts Society, regard for simplicity drove the movement. As Smith says in "The Beautiful Necessity": "It was a passion to reform, to

guide society back to a healthier, more simple, lifestyle; one where craft could be appreciated, not only for its artfulness but for the value its making gave both the maker and the user.

"There was a new affection for nature, for the world outdoors, in both the garden and the mountains... There was a quest for home, for family, for a life where work and craft brought one closer to the people nearby rather than farther from them."

Modern homeowners, perhaps frazzled by today's hectic lifestyle, can find a sympathetic chord in Smith's prose. The Arts and Crafts movement is experiencing a revival, especially here in the East Bay, where architects Bernard Maybeck and Julia Morgan were so prolific.

Motifs matter

Arts and Crafts builders enjoyed a wealth of styles and motifs from which to choose in building simple homes. Pattern books such as Wilson's California Bungalow, published in Southern California, or Dixon's Book of Working Drawings, published in Oakland, were excellent sources.

Magazines such as Stickley's The Craftsman included House Beautiful and The Ladies Home Journal. These publications yielded design inspiration for living a simpler life.

Catalogs spread the look

Nationwide, Sears, Roebuck and Co. was the largest and most famous source of Arts and Crafts plans. Sears, no stranger to catalog sales, made available not only the plans but also the pre-cut building materials with which to construct the bungalow of any builder's choice. Montgomery Ward also sold plan books.

Both firms helped builders arrange financing for the construction of, and then furnishings for, the finished products.

Exterior surfaces ranged from natural wood shingles to stucco and tile. They covered vertical, two-story struc-



LIVING EXAMPLES of the Arts and Crafts style stand at the ready at 362 63rd St., Oakland (left) and 6462 Benvenue, Berkeley (below). The homes are part of the third fall Arts and Crafts tour to be held Sunday, Sept. 26. Call 510-841-2242 for information.

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tures, squat single-story bungalows and Prairie- or Mission-style homes.

Characteristic interior details included natural wood wainscoting, often topped with a plate rail; box-beamed ceilings; and built-in buffets in the dining rooms. Living room fireplaces were surrounded by clinker bricks, period tiles or concrete "stone interpretations."

Bookcases often flanked the fireplace with windows above. Many of these design elements, especially fireplaces and mantels, would likely have been purchased from catalogues.

Colby Farm rides again

This year's tour highlights an area that originally was the Colby Farm, located astride the Berkeley-Oakland line. Here's the story:

A Maine farm family bought the land in the 1850s. The daughter married Amasa Colby, also a farmer, and their parents deeded the land to the newlyweds.

After Amasa's death, Mrs. Colby was left with valuable acreage but little cash.

Real estate developers were anxious to have the Colby Farm available as housing sites, and urged Mrs. Colby to allow them to subdivide her land. Some evidently tried to threaten her into agreeing.

To her credit, Colby reportedly said, "If you can do it and make a profit, so can I," and so she did.

With the help of a farmer whose land adjoined hers, in 1903 Colby subdivided the acreage into parcels and became wealthy. By this time, our heroine was more than 70 years old.

At this time College Avenue was still a dirt road that ran through the farm. The Berkeley part of the subdivision became part of the Elmwood district, and the Oakland portion became part of Fairview Park.

The Colby name now graces Colby Street and Colby Park, a small urban retreat with a playground. At the intersection of two of the Elmwood's most sought-after and quiet streets, Colby built a lovely home for herself. She named one of the streets

WHO'S WHO?

California Arts and Crafts masters

- Greene and Greene
- Irving Gill
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- Julia Morgan

Less famous but nonetheless compelling contemporaries

- Arthur and Alfred Heineman
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Lewiston, after her birthplace in Maine, and the other Elton (originally Eaton) after her husband's birthplace in New Hampshire.

The Colby house still stands, though it is not on the tour.

Visitors to the former Colby Farm will note that the heart of the Arts and Crafts style lays in the detailing most often associated with modest homes of this important period in Berkeley and Oakland's history.

Powell to speak

In conjunction with the tour, Oakland Heritage Alliance President Jane Powell will present an illustrated talk on bungalow restoration, with special emphasis on kitchen restoration. The lecture will take place Wednesday, September 22, at 7 p.m. at the College Avenue Presbyterian Church, 5951 College Ave., Oakland. Tickets are \$10.

For tour information, call BAHA at 510-841-2242. Tickets are \$30 for general admission, \$25 for either BAHA or OHA members.

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Eichler

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San Francisco firm of Anshen & Allen, then Jones & Emmons, and later Claude Oakland.

The result was a new style of home, grounded in the Bay Area's mild climate, using materials developed during the war, and designed to facilitate a modern, suburban lifestyle at an affordable price.

His first development of 51 homes in Sunnyvale sold out within two weeks at a price of \$9,500 for 900 square feet of living space, well below the median home price for the area.

Hello, television

Characterized by flat roofs with molded plastic skylights, and open floorplans supported by post-and-beam construction and covered in mahogany or redwood veneer, the homes featured radiant heat, with hot water piped through concrete-slab floors.

The kitchen became a command center, and there were new spaces—like a family room to accommodate the toys and activities of the baby boom, including America's growing love for television.

And, above all, the homes dissolved the distinction between indoor living spaces and the natural world outside. The patio became an extension of the living room with the use of sliding glass doors—ubiquitous now, but novel then. Walls of glass opened interior rooms to the outdoors. And open-air atriums formed the center of many Eichler homes.

These new homes enabled and embodied the lifestyle that became synonymous with the 1950s and '60s—optimistic and innocent. That "Leave It to Beaver" ideal was captured by the lens of freelance photographer Ernie Braun, who worked for Eichler from 1954 to 1968. His photographs, used in brochures and ads to sell homes, are a central part of the exhibit, and are essential in grounding Eichler designs in their time.

Braun, who now works as a nature photographer in San Anselmo, says he never considered himself an architectural photographer, but "I was always enthusiastic about the designs of Eichler, and I loved working with their people. I liked the freedom they gave me to do what I wanted to do."

New way of telling

And what he wanted to do with his promotional photographs was as innovative as what Eichler wanted to do with tract homes. Credited with being the first to use people in publicity shots for new homes, Braun



ERNE BRAUN/EICHLER NETWORK ARCHIVES

ERNE BRAUN'S depictions of innocent and optimistic families were used in brochures to appeal to potential homeowners.

used natural light, wide-angle lenses and models engaged in "everyday" activities. The result was photographs that not only sold the homes, but the dream that came with them.

"There is something about the innocence of the era that is captured in (Braun's) photographs—the bliss, the hope for the future," said Marty Ar-

bunich, director of the Eichler Network, a group of homeowners and enthusiasts dedicated to preserving and celebrating Eichler's homes.

"It's almost like a fantasy world that never existed. But Ernie did capture a very special moment" in American history that even casual observers with little interest in

architecture will appreciate, he said.

As for Arbunich, he and other members of the network are thrilled that the exhibit is coming to the Bay Area at the end of its two-year tour through the United States and Canada.

While the show has created a stir throughout its travels, especially in New York, "it should have started here two years ago, and I've been rooting for it to come home to the Bay Area," he said.

With 11,000 of Eichler's homes in this region, people can leave the exhibit and then go see the full-sized homes and how they have evolved through time.

Loyal homeowners

He also expects Eichler homeowners to flock to the exhibit, which "reinforces that the choice they made 10, 20 or 50 years ago was the right

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Buying an Eichler home has always been viewed as a popular option with Realtors, with the press latching on to the modern design. In the early days, only about 5 percent of the people who looked at Eichler homes liked what they saw. But Eichlers have become very hip in the last 10 years, and there are people out there who are Eichler fanatics.

For Adamson, however, celebrating the past is only part of the exhibit. He hopes visitors will also look for the ways Eichler can teach us as we address suburban development today. "I hope this will be a catalyst for rethinking the type of housing we build and the suburban condition," Adamson says. As in Eichler's time, only 10 percent of new homes are designed by architects. The tendency is for them to be cranked out with a minimum of effort. "The expand-suburbs are increasingly bland," of course, said Adamson, solutions to today's housing problems are different from those Eichler architects found 50 years ago. "But what's important is the ways they went through to address social issues and lifestyles of their time," he said.

Patanet

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and Dana's house in El Cerrito where I am happily holding their new baby. Next is a shot of Alan and Dana's fruit tree orchard. Alan makes the most wonderful apricot jam each year, the leaves in fall all golds and reds.

There is a dark picture of Anet standing with Jenny and Barbara in the basement of the house they were buying. The hot water heater is out in the open, nothing nearby to support it, and they are discussing what will have to be done to brace it against earthquakes.

Steven and Nina invited us to their house in El Cerrito a day after it had become theirs. They wanted us to see the beautiful oak floors they'd found under the wall-to-wall carpeting. They surprised us that day with glasses of champagne and a cake made especially for us. The frosting is cream colored. The writing is in maroon and sweetly says, "Thank You Pat and Anet."

Michael came to our office to pick up the keys for his Rockridge fixer house. He was so excited he brought his video camera to record the event, then drove to the house to tape the state it was in before he started working on it.

The next picture of Michael's house doesn't appear until a couple of albums later. The outside had been painted and we went by to take a new picture.

It took us six months or more to clean out my mother's little El Cerrito house after she died. We took our time. It made Anet and me sad to go there and not find her at home. There are no pictures of that time but there are a number taken afterward when the house was clean and bright, newly painted, pretty curtains in the windows and staged with her blue and red print wing chair, black Oriental style tables and vases of spring flowers.

Elizabeth, our graphic artist, had suggested we put the dark green canvas umbrella on the walled side patio. The visual weight balanced perfectly the same-green tree on the other side of the house.

I'm glad we have all these photos. Each one is worth a thousand words ... all of them personal, all of them precious. And each one in every way about family.

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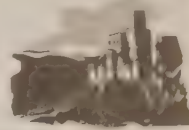


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Probate

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More details are in my report, "How to Profit from Probate and Bankruptcy Properties," available for \$4 from Robert J. Bruss, 251 Park Road, Burlingame, CA 94010, or by credit card at 800-361-1111.

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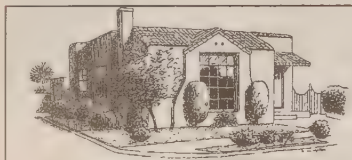
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Section C

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Combo doesn't connect, but Gauchos still win big

El Cerrito High next faces a big test against Pinole Valley this Friday

By Edmund Moy

The anticipated big play combo of Joe McBride to Jason Washington didn't hook up in El Cerrito's rematch with Concord last Friday.

Double-teamed much of the night, Washington caught just one pass from McBride for 16 yards in the Gauchos' 44-7 season opening victory over the Minutemen.

However, the 6-foot-5-inch McBride did complete 10 of 19 passes for 198 yards and three touchdowns to tie a career-high set against Dublin in last year's North Coast Section 2A semifinal game.

"I was really pleased with our passing game," El Cerrito head coach Frank Milo said. "Joe did an excellent job of locating our receivers."

The large margin of victory for El Cerrito comes as a bit of a surprise considering the Gauchos had to come from behind to beat Concord 20-13 during the regular season and went to overtime in a 35-34 first-round victory in the North Coast Section 2A playoffs last year.

El Cerrito will hope to carry the positive energy from their season opening victory into Friday night's matchup with a Pinole Valley team coming off a 35-13 loss to De Anza.

With the departure of running back Terrell Roberts, Contra Costa County's leading rusher last year, McBride has become the leader of a more balanced El Cerrito attack. As a junior, he threw for 746 yards and nine touchdowns while earning all-Alameda Contra Costa County League honorable mention. He also played shortstop for the Gauchos baseball team. Against Concord in last year's NCS playoff game, he helped guide El Cerrito back from a 21-0 deficit.

"He was able to gather the team together and lead them back," Gauchos quarterback coach Jerry Calkins said. "He learned a lot in that game. He got to take charge and was able to step up."

In the season opener, McBride orchestrated an 11-play, 83-yard drive on the Gauchos' first possession, culminat-

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EL CERRITO'S DAVID ROSE is at the bottom of the pile after scoring on a 4-yard run in El Cerrito's 44-7 win over Concord last Friday night.

St. Mary's no match for Riordan's offense

By Scott Strain

The St. Mary's High School football team gave up 265 yards rushing last Saturday, and that is why the Panthers lost their season-opener 20-8 to Riordan on the Crusaders' home field in San Francisco.

"They really ran the ball well and kept it away from us," St. Mary's coach Dan Shaughnessy told reporters after the game. "We knew they were that good."

The Panthers (0-1) should have an easier time this week when they travel to Alameda to play Encinal on Saturday afternoon in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League opener for both teams.

The Jets, who had a horrendous season last year, lost to Monte Vista 40-0 in their season opener last week.

The story of the Riordan game was time of possession. St. Mary's had the ball for just over 16 minutes in the 48-minute game and the offense simply could not get on the field. "It was very frustrating," said running back Eddie Smith, who gained 3 yards

on 15 carries. "Our power is our offense. We wanted to get the ball and score, but we couldn't get the ball."

In the first half, the Panthers ran just two offensive series and managed to score on one of them. Connor Banks, who ran for 86 yards on 11 carries, scored on a 6-yard run. A two-point conversion run by Smith cut the Riordan lead to 14-8.

The Crusaders went 80 yards on 10 plays in its opening drive, consuming nearly seven minutes. The next time, the Crusaders went 89 yards in 20 plays and that drive cut over nine minutes off the clock. Riordan put the game away with an 85-yard drive on 19 plays that took another 10 minutes.

The last score came with just under two minutes left in the game and sealed St. Mary's fate. Riordan ran off 62 plays to just 35 for the Panthers.

"They (Riordan) just ate the clock up with first downs," Shaughnessy said. "They kept moving the sticks on us the whole game."

Albany opens season with win

By Scott Strain

The Albany football team is flying high today, but a victory over De Anza on Friday at home would really send them soaring.

"We'll go out and play and see what happens," Cougars coach Anthony Freeman said.

Albany has already equaled its victory total for the 1998 season, defeating St. Patrick's of Vallejo 20-14 at Cougar Field on Saturday afternoon. The Cougars finished 1-8-1 last year, 1-7-1 in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League. Their next goal is a league victory; they should get it, although probably not against De Anza. There are some woeful squads in the league this year and although the Albany team is small (18-20 players), it is feisty.

The Dons have yet to complete a game; their contest with Pinole Valley was cut short by a disturbance in the stands with about four minutes left. De Anza won, 35-13.

"Last year is past," running back William Bennett said. "This is a new

"Last year is past. This is a new Cougar team."

— William Bennett, running back

Cougar team. The difference was that our defense stepped up and kept after them for four quarters. We kept them down and we kept it live.

"We didn't get down (when Albany was behind), we wanted to step it up. My line blocked their butts off. I wouldn't have been able to do what I did if it wasn't for the line."

Bennett and quarterback Tim Onweller were the two forces that propelled Albany to the victory. Bennett ran 13 times for 100 yards and Onweller completed 12 of 20 passes for 152 yards and one touchdown.

"We've been working a lot," Freeman said. "The guys put in the time in the off season. Things have got to pay off for

them. Eighteen players — that's Albany football."

Albany started out by playing the old Albany way — falling behind and then making a mistake to fall further behind. St. Patrick's took the opening kickoff and drove 74 yards in six plays, quarterback Alex Vasquez going the final 14 yards. The Cougars committed two penalties to keep the drive alive.

The Cougars then made a mistake that could have killed their chances. Bennett, on his first carry, was hit by Bruins linebacker Pat Courtney and fumbled. St. Pat's recovered on the Albany 13. On the next play Vasquez threw 13 yards to Sonny Ramos for the touchdown and Albany was down 14-0 with 7:19 left in the first quarter.

But the "new" Cougars shrugged it off, driving 58 yards in eight plays to cut the lead to 14-7. Onweller went 11 yards into the end zone but fumbled going across the goal line. Kamran Javandari fell on the ball in the end zone for the score. Big plays in the drive were a 31-

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THIS PLAY sums up Berkeley's night against Bishop O'Dowd last Friday. A Berkeley player loses his helmet and his team lost the game 42-6.

O'Dowd misses bus, then dumps Yellowjackets in strange season opener

By Mike McGreehan

Last Friday night, BayTV opened its season of prep football coverage by showing the game between Bishop O'Dowd and Berkeley high schools live and in color on cable systems around the Bay Area.

It might have been more appropriate, though, had the game been filmed in black and white, edited and shown later in all its grainy splendor. To make the program complete, perhaps clips of Rod Serling could be inserted at the beginning and end, for this game surely had plenty of "Twilight Zone" elements.

True, O'Dowd walked away with a seemingly impressive 42-6 win. But it wasn't exactly a smooth start for either team.

For starters, O'Dowd's team bus failed to show, forcing the visiting Dragons to travel in several cars. Partly as a result of O'Dowd's transportation problems, the game started late — though television probably played a contributing role, too.

Then, once the game finally began, Berkeley often seemed disjointed with players running on and off the field in mass confusion. And for those in the stands, numerous television timeouts made an already lopsided game insuf-

ferably long.

Still, this game-turned-tragicomedy had an upside. It was only the first game of the season for both teams, who now hope to put it behind them and get back on course for the rest of their seasons.

"The kids are going through a lot, it's a slow rebuilding process," says Berkeley coach Gary Weaver. "We'll watch the film, see the mistakes and try to make sure that the kids keep a good, positive attitude."

Said O'Dowd coach Paul Perenon, "We didn't step on the field prepared. I think that had to do with all these distractions (caused by the bus not showing up)."

O'Dowd did get off to an uncharacteristically slow start, losing a fumble on its own 27-yard line early in the contest. That play set up the first score of the game, an 8-yard quarterback keeper by Berkeley's Rashad Edwards with 7:12 left in the first quarter. The extra-point attempt failed and Berkeley clung to a 6-0 lead.

But not for long. O'Dowd got its offense in gear on the next series, which ended with Kirk Morrison going over from 1 yard with 2:20 left in the period.

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Arts

Multimedia Notes

By Bill Mann

Dunbar done with mornings

Morning Radio Legend To Cut Some of you have listened to radio horseplay of bright morning duo **Jim Dunbar and Ted** on KGO Radio for years. I'm interviewing the sly 64-year-old Dunbar for a national radio magazine, *Radio World*, the other day as a tribute to him being predeceased by his Nov. 20 Chicago in-laws into the Radio Hall of Fame. Dunbar will be the first Bay Area member of Famer. And during our chat Dunbar let it slip that he'll be leaving the "KGO Morning News" as co-host next June.

It's a sad sign of the apathy of the radio, dailies toward radio, who rarely hear this booming and important medium, that neither has picked up this story, which I also posted at jellyreadweb.com.

The courtly Dunbar is NOT retiring, however — he says he's having a roadcast line put into his home in San Francisco, and will do daily commentaries on the show. "I just signed a new contract that runs until June, 2000," said Dunbar, adding jokingly, "I'm hanging on by my fingernails." Really, KGO's morning show is always at or near the top of the local radio ratings.

It's been an impressive run for Dunbar, who's been the ABC station's morning co-anchor since 1974, most all of that span with the witty, witty, Dunbar also co-hosted KGO-TV's "Good Morning San Francisco" in the '70s with **Nancy Fleming** and **Pia Lindstrom** and anchored KGO's 7 a.m. newscast during KGO radio career. "Jim was one of the first multimedia people in the business," says his boss, KGO program director **Ken Berry**, calling Dunbar "the nicest guy in radio." Dunbar, who came to KGO in 1973 as its program director, leaves KGO with that last long time from his on-air work: It was as KGO's program director that Dunbar instituted the newstalk format that has made KGO the top-rated station in this market nonstop the past years. "I had no choice," chuckles Dunbar. "When I came here, we were in last place in the ratings. Yellow Cab dispatchers had more listeners than we did." Characteristically, the self-deprecating Dunbar is taking credit for adopting the highly successful format, but program boss Berry says Dunbar deserves full credit.

Station sources also tell me that Dunbar's KGO afternoon anchor **Ed Screen** will move into KGO morning co-anchor job in Dunbar leaves next summer. Dunbar, with typical elegance, me he views his and Wygant's as "Waking up people and introducing them to the collective calamity of the day." He adds, "Reading news is an act of contrition," explaining, "What we're doing, in effect, is saying, 'You're not going to this, but...'"

Dunbar's a class act, a vanishing act on radio, and he'll be missed on the broadcast, even though, as he puts it, "We're thrilled that Jim remains as a continuing presence on our morning news."

The decision to cut back, by the way, is strictly Dunbar's. "Next year will be my 50th or 51st year in radio," the Michigan native says wryly. "I have a birthday coming up in October, and it's a sobering, almost threatening number to behold." **Radio/Media Notes:** Speaking of radio stations, as I've predicted, KGO got a new talk station next week. CBS-owned country station **93.3**, which is struggling in the ratings, spun off its AM station, at 1010, into an all-talk format Monday. Calling itself as "Yadda Yadda Radio" and jokes that it features "The one's best talk talent on the station with the world's worst ratings." The latter part, anyway, is close to truth. **Don Imus'** little-noticed New York talk show stays in morning drive, and the station is taking direct from CBS L.A. talk show **KLSX-FM** the rest of the day. It's why, if you tuned in one day next week expecting to hear **Garth Brooks**, you heard instead that there Caltrans work on the Ventura Freeway. Also coming in via satellite is **Yadda Yadda Radio** is **Jonathan Demme** out of Chicago and on the Talk Show Host, aka **Tom** and **L.A.**, in afternoon drive. The only West Coast radio whose birth may exceed that of KGO's **Bernie "The Badgerer"** is a loud (and I mean loud) See MANN, Page C4

Famed Irish Tenor to make appearance in Oakland

Famed Irish Tenor Frank Patterson will offer a concert benefit at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 26, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 2808 Lakeshore Avenue in Oakland.

The internationally celebrated singer, who was born in Tipperary, will present a program of inspirational songs, popular international favorites and Irish ballads.

Patterson will be accompanied by his concert-artist wife Eily O'Grady on the piano and Irish harp.

The program will also feature performances by the Lourdes Choir, the Lourdes Children's Choir and the Golden Gate Boys Choir. A reception follows the concert in Lourdes Parish Hall.

Patterson has recorded 40 albums in six languages ranging from songs by Henry Purcell, Handel, Beethoven, Berlioz to popular international favorites to Irish ballads. His 1996 recording "Faith of Our Fathers" is the biggest selling album in the

history of Ireland, publicist Maggie Williams said.

His latest album "Duets," featuring the great Irish Tenors past and present — John McCormack and Frank Patterson — singing together with the Irish Philharmonic Orchestra — was released in Ireland last spring and will be available in the North America this month.

Proceeds from the benefit event will go toward the construction of the new Lourdes church plaza, according to Father Seamus Genovese, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Patterson's first public concert appearance at Lourdes Church last November drew a standing room audience, Williams said.

Tickets to the Frank Patterson Concert are \$30 for general admission, \$25 for seniors, children and members of religious communities.

For tickets and information, phone 451-1790.

IRISH TENOR FRANK PATTERSON



'Tempest' takes festival by storm

■ A great performance — with great music, lovely costumes and a strong, lively cast — is capped by the eloquence of Prospero

By Marilyn Tucker

"The Tempest," Shakespeare's enchanting comedy-romance of magic and monsters, innocence and terror, is the final offering in the California Shakespeare Festival's 20th season.

At Saturday's opening, Giulio Cesare Perrone's extravagantly designed production was much admired, as was the vivid pacing produced by Robert Kelley's keen direction. Still, despite generally strong showings from a talented cast, what plays in the memory is the performance of Joe Vincent as the magician Prospero. Vincent, whose Shylock gave disturbing eloquence to Cal Shakes' "Merchant of Venice" earlier in the season, brought a sense of completeness to the role that was

THEATER REVIEW

- **WHO:** California Shakespeare Festival
- **WHAT:** Shakespeare's "The Tempest"
- **WHERE:** Bruns Memorial Amphitheatre, Orinda
- **WHEN:** Through October 3
- **HOW MUCH:** \$10-\$38
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satisfying throughout. In his beautifully modulated voice, where word and rhythm seemed to be in perfect harmony, Vincent's Prospero was magician and man, willing to wreak havoc with his magic arts for the grave injustice that caused him to lose his dukedom many years before and equally willing to forgive.

"The Tempest" begins with a great storm engineered by Prospero, the same storm that gives the play its title, and so violent and consuming in

Kelley's version of events that it was often difficult to understand what was going on. What stands in the memory is that Alonso, king of Naples (Stephen Klum), never lost his crown. But soon came the airy sprite known as Ariel, Marcia Pizzo in a role usually done by a young man, and restlessly doing Prospero's magical bidding as leader of a band of spirits called Qualities. Pizzo's Ariel sang and danced and tricked her way through a multitude of situations in a performance that became increasingly focused and confident as the play progressed. The music provided by composer Tom Lindblade for Ariel and the Qualities, as well as Iris, Ceres and Juno in a masque also highlighted by the spectacular costumes of Beaver Bauer, was lovely, although body mikes might have aided understanding.

The charming love story of "The Tempest" was presented by David de Santos as Ferdinand, son of Alonso, and Comika Griffin as Prospero's daughter, Miranda. De Santos shows a good understanding of Shake-

spearean language, and while Griffin's Miranda was more Valley Girl than Duke's daughter, this may have been the right idea for a 15-year-old whose only contacts with men have been her father and the slave-monster Caliban.

In its slavery context, the character of Caliban brings discomfort to a modern audience, and while Shakespeare has Caliban going back to work after getting drunk with Trinculo and Stephano, calling himself a "thrice-double ass," Kelley makes palpable Caliban's desire for freedom. Peter Macon made Caliban's initial awfulness so forthright it was almost appealing. The comedy provided by Caliban, Tommy Gomez's Trinculo and Benjamin Stewart's Stephano as they tear up the island getting smashed was low as well as witty.

The lively action of "The Tempest" was supplemented by Klum's Alonso; Jonathan Haugen as Antonio, brother to Prospero and the usurping Duke of Milan; Michael Storm as Sebast-

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'Stigmata' filled with messages, blood

By Karen Hershenson

Patricia Arquette deserves to be sitting on a tropical beach somewhere after the beating she takes in "Stigmata." You haven't seen an actress get slammed around like this since Linda Blair in "The Exorcist."

Stigmata, you may recall, is a phenomenon in which people exhibit the crucifixion wounds of Jesus. Usually it appears in the extremely devout, but this time it's an atheist Pittsburgh hair-cutter named Frankie Paige.

That means Arquette gets buffeted around a subway train and

sucked under the bath water as the marks of Jesus' suffering begin to appear on her wrists, back and feet. It also means blood, lots of it, and a deluge of religious imagery — doves, candles and dripping water. So much dripping water.

Director Rupert Wainwright ("Blank Check") notes that he studied the origins of the Catholic Church and the history of Jesus in order to make this movie, and clearly got carried away. There's even a statement inserted into press materials that he, his producer and screenwriters strove to keep the film "within the realm of an audience's acceptable reality." (I don't know about you, but I have never levitated above my bed, nor begun scribbling on my wall in archaic languages.)

Actually, the church gets slammed in this movie, coming across as a rigid institution more interested in protecting its image than discovering the essence of spirituality. It's a recurring theme as we approach the millennium, this questioning of accepted doctrine, and there's more bashing to come in Kevin Smith's controversial satire "Dogma."

REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "Stigmata"
- **STARRING:** Patricia Arquette, Gabriel Byrne, Jonathan Pryce
- **RATING:** R (intense, violent sequences, language and some sexuality)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 42 minutes
- **WHERE:** Century Oakland 8, Jack London Cinema, UA Berkeley 7, UA Emerybay 10
- **GRADE:** C

Arquette isn't the only well-known actor in this thriller. Gabriel Byrne takes on the compassionate priest role, dispatched by the Vatican to investigate Frankie's mysterious symptoms. The movie begins with him examining a statue weeping blood in a tiny Brazilian village, and there turns out to be a link between the two episodes.

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LES BALLETS AFRICAINS, a 35-member national dance company from the Republic of Guinea, will visit Zellerbach Hall in Berkeley for three performances Oct. 8-10. The group, which dances, sings, plays music, performs acrobatics and shares stories, celebrates the cultural customs of West Africa.

Interim spot good for 'Conversation'

■ The Pacific Film Archive has been relocated until UC-Berkeley makes an earthquake assessment — but it's still showing films

By Karen Hershenson

The Pacific Film Archive will celebrate its move into new, temporary digs on the UC-Berkeley campus with free screenings Saturday and Sunday. Showing are three films from its collection of more than 7,000 titles: Francis Ford Coppola's "The Conversation," with an unforgettable performance by Gene Hackman; "Victims of Sin," a Mexican musical melodrama; and "The Lady Pick-

pocket," a 1960 detective comedy by iconoclastic Japanese director Yasuzo Masumura. Also screening is "Falbalas," a 1944 romance set in the Parisian fashion scene during the German occupation. Tickets will be available at 6 each evening on a first-come, first-served basis.

The move is bittersweet for PFA staff, many of whom have been in the modern, poured-concrete head-

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HOT SHEET!

■ **Ca Performance** presents **Miami City Ballet** presents **formal** at 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 24 at Zellerbach Hall. **Berkeley** Tickets \$20-\$40. Call 510-643-8783.

■ **A Golden Moment** is a seating concert featuring some of the world's finest artists will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Zellerbach Hall on Friday, Sept. 18. Tickets \$20-\$50.

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Berkeley Repertory Theatre

OPENING — "The Life of Galileo" by Bertolt Brecht adapted by David Hare, Sept. 22 through Nov. 5. A look at the life of Galileo. "The Life of Galileo" Post-Play Discussions, Oct. 7, Oct. 29 and Nov. 2.

Cost is \$38 to \$48.50. Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sept. 22, Sept. 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 16, Oct. 21, Oct. 30 and Nov. 4, 8 p.m.; Sept. 30, Oct. 14 and Oct. 28, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; NO SHOW OCT. 1. 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. (510) 845-4700.

Additionally — "From Page to Stage," Sept. 27, 7 p.m. A conversation with artistic directors Tony Taccone (of Berkeley Rep) and Carey Perloff (of ACT) about Brecht and his works. Free. (510) 841-2541.

CAL Performances

Miami City Ballet, Sept. 23 through Sept. 25, 8 p.m. A performance of works set to the music of Balanchine. In Zellerbach Hall, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue. \$20 to \$42.

Season Opening Celebration: Miami City Ballet Benefit Performance, Sept. 24, 8 p.m. The performance and celebration honor A. Jess Shenson and benefit Cal Performances. Dinner and dancing in the Pauley Ballroom follow the ballet performance. In Zellerbach Hall, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue. \$20 to \$42 performance only; \$250 to \$1000 performance and celebration. (510) 643-8783 for celebration.

Miami City Ballet Pre-performance Talk, Sept. 24, 7 p.m. A talk with artistic director Edward Villella. In Zellerbach Hall, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue. Free to ticket-holders.

University of California, Berkeley. (510) 642-9988 or (510) 762-BASS.

Oakland Ballet

Sept. 24 through Sept. 26. A series of performances featuring the company premiere of "Jinx" and "Djangleology" and Alonzo King's "Hovering Slightly Above the Ground."

\$12 to \$39. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 452-9288 or (510) 762-BASS.

"How Berkeley can you be?" Parade and Festival

Sept. 25, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A celebration of the unique character of Berkeley. A highlight is the parade which features everything from couches on wheels to contingents from local theater companies. The parade starts at California Street and University Avenue and finishes at Civic Center Park. The festival has live music by local groups, children's activities, community booths, and valet bike parking.

Free. Civic Center Park, Martin Luther King Way and Center Street, Berkeley. (510) 849-4688.

UC Berkeley Art Museum

"Deities, Courtiers, and Lovers: Indian Paintings from the Jean and Francis Marshall Collection," through Nov. 28. An exhibition of Indian miniatures from the 15th to the early 20th centuries.

"Tobias Rehberger: MATRIX 180 Sunny-Side Up," through Nov. 14. An exhibit of conceptual art by Rehberger created especially for the Berkeley museum exhibition space.

CLOSING — "From People to Paradox: The Photographs of Gerard Castello-Lopes," closing Sept. 26. This exhibit presents a look at Castello-Lopes' career as a photographer and includes black and white photographs from the period of 1957 to 1992.

"Art of the Sung: Court and Monastery," open-ended. A display of early Chinese works from the permanent collection.

"The Year of the Ox in Chinese Pottery, Painting, and Woodblock Design," open-ended. An exhibit of works from the permanent collec-

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Did somebody call for a music critic?

By Tony Hicks

It's one to heckle the comedian from a room full of loudmouths. It's quite another to have everyone file out, leaving him staring at you.

Suddenly it's not so easy to talk about his mother.

It's no longer so easy for me to hide my opinions of bands, good or bad. Everyone has left the room, or specifically, music writer William Friar has left for six months.

For three years I've gone to work at Contra Costa Newspapers offices, writing daily community news, a monthly TimeOut column about local bands, and occasionally taking a swipe at sci-fi freaks in this column (no danger there, Trekkies only pretend they have pointy little laser guns).

Leave the real criticism to the high-falutin' professionals, like Will and the other smarty-pants around here, I'd say. Anybody accused me of sounding stupid in my once-a-month column, I could just say, "Well, sure, but how much do you know about the San Ramon City Council, smart guy?"

Now I'm the one who'd better smarten up.

I've been given Will's job while he's off writing a book: That's what happens when you break down sobbing and begging during a job interview — that or they call a security guard.

I'd be a liar if I said I wasn't completely stoked. I'd also be lying if I said I'm not a tad apprehensive. For a couple of reasons.

First off, you always think you

know a lot until somebody decides you really do know something. Second, Will is a real professional, a Stanford alumni with enough credibility to get a book contract. I, on the other hand, have been reprimanded for using the word "gonna" in a story.

That's not to say I don't have qualifications for the music beat, which is one of the things they wanted me to explain in this column, along with a little about me.

The me part is easy — I grew up in Walnut Creek and San Ramon, began playing drums in a bad heavy metal band at 16, and worked my way through other bad bands and types of music until fleeing to Southern California in 1990.

My band played around Hollywood for three years trying to score a record deal, until our singer went off to build Styrofoam cartoon characters and sing about breakfast cereal in the band Green Jelly. Alarmed by the possibility of actually working for a living the rest of my life, I moved back home, went to school and found journalism.

Whew. Now I'm married and endure my 10-year-old stepdaughter's affection for the Backstreet Boys. And I complain a lot about how I miss being in a band.

I may not be the walking musical dictionary some other writers are, but I've seen a few things. Among my other qualifications ... I was once blown off the stage by a berserk dwarf.

My band was headlining a Long Beach club packed with college kids

in 1992. The punk band immediately preceding us sounded like they'd taken up music that morning, so we weren't worried about how we'd look in comparison.

But they had an ace in the hole. During the last song, the singer reached down from the stage ... and re-emerged holding a small person wearing sunglasses. We stood there mouths agape, stunned at the new twist. The dwarf took the microphone ... and all hell broke loose.

The smallest singer in history had the most vicious, devil-raising scream ever. The place erupted into a giant, drunken mosh pit. We could only stand by helpless, unnerved by the knowledge that we had no singing dwarf of our own.

We rushed to get our stuff on stage when it was over, helplessly knowing we could set off a bomb and no one would pay attention. It didn't matter — people were pouring outside like someone pulled the fire alarm. Exactly four people were left when we played — two band girlfriends, a roommate and a drunk sleeping on the bar.

The point is that after dwarfs, flaming guitars, lost record deals, band fights, great shows, terrible shows, and watching friends go on to success without me, there's very little I can't relate to in the music business.

I'll be careful when I feel like heckling.

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'Echoes' familiar but stirring

By Karen Hershenson

It's strange how movies come in pairs. Two movies about volcanoes, two movies about guys living their lives on TV. If a movie were released about porpoises in Peoria, another would surely follow.

Whether it's coincidence or spies with access to scripts, we'll never know. But being part of a cinematic twin-set does present challenges for whichever film comes out second. Look what happened to "EDtv," upstaged by the very similar — albeit better — "The Truman Show."

The latest example of déjà vu is "Stir of Echoes," a metaphysical thriller starring Kevin Bacon as a blue-collar guy who begins communicating with the netherworld, and whose son is already chatting with dead people. The premise closely resembles that of "The Sixth Sense," one of summer's biggest hits.

It's a shame to compare the two, though, because as good as "Sixth Sense" is, "Stir of Echoes" has a lot going for it. The characters are vivid, and it has powerful, risk-taking visuals. One standout is the sequence in which Bacon's character, Tom, is hypnotized by his flaky sister-in-law (Ileana Douglas). The viewer is thrust inside his brain, as she instructs him to imagine an empty movie theater with a blank white screen.

After the session, Tom is bom-

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Stir of Echoes"

■ **STARRING:** Kevin Bacon, Ileana Douglas, Kathryn Erbe

■ **RATING:** R (violence, sexuality, language)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 52 minutes

barred by terrifying visions that eat away at his pleasant life with wife Maggie and son Jake in the Chicago neighborhood where both grew up. The images come unexpectedly: nails being ripped off, or teeth popping out in a gush of blood. Director and screenwriter David Koepf effectively renders Tom's mental turmoil on screen, letting the uneasiness mount. (Among his past credits are directing "The Trigger Effect" and doing screenplays for "Jurassic Park" and "Mission: Impossible.")

The visions grow stronger, and center on a young female ghost who's burning to communicate something. The audience realizes what that is before Tom does, and the film loses some of its charge as a result. Meanwhile he's tearing up floorsboards and destroying their yard in search of clues. There are shades of "Poltergeist" in the way spirits appear in the television set, and of

"Close Encounters of the Third Kind" in Tom's obsessive, irrational havior.

Bacon is feverish and intense like the unflappable Bruce Willis in "Sixth Sense," but one might beg comparison is the sensitive young boys. Much of the film is written about 11-year-old Osment's remarkable performance in "Sixth Sense," and his line: "I see dead people." The film opens with little Jake (Zachary Cope) in the bathtub, asking an invisible spirit, "Does it dead?" With his big brown cherubic face, the actor has the haunting quality of a somber Osment. But his performance is crucial to the movie, either.

Kathryn Erbe ("Dream of a Lifetime") is a refreshingly honest although much too tolerant husband's increasingly bizarre behavior. The couple also serve as a cavalier in their parenting niques, leaving Jake home alone while they party next door.

Still, "Stir of Echoes" is a thriller, with a rock 'n' roll following on the heels of "The Witch Project" and opening up as Patricia Arquette's "Scream" is part of the new wave of Experts say these movies are uneasy about the millennium that seems too obtuse. Let everybody loves a good scare.

Stigmata

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They make an odd pair, tiny Arquette in miniskirts and wedgie shoes, bleeding from whatever gash she just erupted, and Byrne's father Kiernan taking photographs and tape-recording. He's also trying mightily not to fall for her, since those with stigmata become very naughty, the closer they get to ecstasy.

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liberal and will at last provide an alternative to KSFO's dismal right-wing afternoon pit bull Michael "Weiner" Savage locally in afternoon drive. Up until now, Savage had no afternoon talk competition, something he conveniently forgets when making often-outrageous claims about his ratings. Even though 1550 has a bad signal, it does reach the East Bay in good shape and I hear there are plans to boost it to a big-time 50,000 watts. ... By the way, speaking of KSFO's annoying Savage, Weiner (his real name) has been whining for months about how GOP money magnet/candidate George W. Bush cribbed his ludicrous (ludicrous for the compassion-impaired Savage, anyway) "Compassionate Conservative" moniker. But the latest issue of Business Week notes that the term was first used by Sen. Orrin Hatch in 1981 in a New York Times interview. Savage wasn't even in radio then, but we'll probably now be hearing that Hatch stole the term from The Savage Weiner. Anything to get attention ... There's new newsradio alternative in morning drive, too: Check out fledgling business station KBZS at 1220 AM. It's the old KDFC-AM frequency in Palo Alto. KBZS's

Jonathan Pryce ("Evita," "Ronin") plays Kiernan's supervisor, a self-serving cardinal intent on burying any information that threatens his — and therefore the church's — position of power.

Although it's being marketed as hip horror, "Stigmata" is unlike others in the genre, such as "Scream" or "I Know What You Did Last Summer." There are elements of terror, as Frankie is besieged by spirits trying to possess her, but it's all jumbled up with a fuzzy religious mes-

sage having to do with an ancient gospel that suggests Jesus is within us all.

Wainwright uses a lot of MTV-style technique, learned doing commercials and music videos. The soundtrack includes Bjork, Chumbawamba and Billy Corgan of the Smashing Pumpkins.

It's hard to be scary and hip while preaching at the same time, and so you never know quite how to take "Stigmata." Maybe with a big grain of salt-a.

fast-moving, informative morning news show features constant market updates from CBSMarketwatch.com, CNN, and the Business News Network with local anchors. It's an attractive, well-done product, and features plenty of Silicon Valley news — appropriate, since it's just up the road.

One had to be impressed by the underdog Raiders' gutsy, tough performance last Sunday. Before their heartbreaking last-minute loss, they had clearly outplayed the Packers in Green Bay and are THE team to watch in the Bay Area this year. The much-improved Raiders could be headed for 10 or 11 wins this year despite a brutal schedule. It's a good sports year here — the red-hot A's are baseball's Cinderella story this season. ... It was fun seeing the now no-class 49ers get whacked in Jacksonville. I've mentioned here before they look desperate when they hire thugs like Lawrence Phillips and keep quarterbacks on their roster who get hit with sexual-assault charges in the off-season (Yes, I know, he was cleared.). New Niner uberführer Bill Walsh has lost most of the respect I once had for him: Whoever thought an Al Davis team would be the classier of the two? And former Hills and ex-Chron sports columnist Lowell Cohn wrote in his column in the Santa Rosa daily Tues-

day that Walsh may already have a successor for coach Steve Mariucci waiting in the wings — former UCLA pilot Terry Donahue. Cohn says Walsh thinks so highly of Donahue, the Niners' director of player personnel, that when Cohn was writing a book about Walsh a couple of years ago, Walsh asked Cohn to put in some words of praise for the ex-UCLA coach. Even though, Cohn says, Walsh seldom praises other coaches. If I were ex-Cal coach Mariucci, Cohn suggests, I'd watch my back ... Oakland reader/media gadfly/KGO listener Rich Lieberman notes, accurately that sycophantic KGO sportscaster Rich Walcott is "the worst homer around. He even says, 'Well, we lost big-time at Jacksonville. But the last time I looked,' says Lieberman, 'Walcott didn't play for the 49ers.'"

Finally, those of you who share my disdain for Hollywood and the disgraceful movies it now produces, here's a great line from Chris Thompson, writer and exec producer of Fox's wonderful new Hollywood-bashing sitcom "Action." Thompson: "This is a childish and infantile business run by people who are pretty much just lucky rather than skilled." That's a wrap for today.

(Questions? Comments? e-mail Bill: Newsmann@aol.com).

Events

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tions celebrating the Year of the Ox.

"Eighteenth Century Kyoto and the Emergence of the Maruyama-Shijo School," open-ended. An exhibit of 18 hanging scrolls, handscrolls and album leaves by Maruyama Okyo and his students, works influenced heavily by Western artists' focus on nature. In the Asian Gallery.

"From the Tombs of the Great: New Additions from the Warren King Collection," open-ended. New items have been added to the museum's collection of ancient Chinese ceramics, including tomb figures in surprisingly good condition after having been buried for hundreds of years. In the Asian Gallery.

"Images and Ideas: The Collection in Focus," open-ended. The museum periodically displays some of

its permanent collection in a context meant to highlight some aspect of the objects. The three areas of focus for this exhibit are Renaissance art, 19th and 20th-century American art and paintings from 1940 to the present.

TOURS — Docent Tours, ongoing. A guided tour of current exhibits. Thursday, 12:15 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Free with admission.

\$6 general; \$4 seniors and students ages 12 to 18; free children age 12 and under; free Thursday, 11 a.m. to noon and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (510) 642-0808.

UC Berkeley Museum of Paleontology

"Tyrannosaurus Rex," ongoing. A 20-foot tall, 40-foot long replica of the fearsome dinosaur. The replica is made from casts of bones of the

most complete T. Rex skeleton ever excavated. When unearthed, the bones were only a small pile of tailbone missing.

"Pteranodon," ongoing. A pteranodon skeleton of a flying

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Tempest

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ian, brother of Alonso; and Davidson as a wise and paternalistic Gonzalo.

Perrone's distinctive set of bright blue and green costumes is complemented by the light of Richard Olmstead.

Choreography was by Cavanaugh, with fight scenes staged by Mark Booher.

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quarters in the Berkeley Art Museum for years. The PFA's former exhibition space, the George Gund Theater, closed in June as the first step in a seismic-safety program that affects 100 campus buildings. A decision on whether to raze the museum or retrofit it isn't expected until late this year, with UC-Berkeley Chancellor Robert Berdahl having the final say. The structure met earthquake safety standards when it was built in 1970, but was deemed "very poor" in a 1997 audit based on new, tougher campus standards.

"We're fond of the other theater and we just hope this will be really nice and people will discover where it is and that we're still putting on great programs," says PFA spokeswoman Shelley Diekmann.

The new theater, off Bancroft Avenue near Hearst Gym, has bright yellow exterior trim with eggplant and forest-green walls inside. Like the Gund, it will seat about 230, with the same Dolby sound and state-of-the-art projection, plus a bonus of more space between rows and more wheelchair-accessible seating. As seismic upgrades continue, occupants of other campus buildings will be relocated to adjacent classrooms. Diekmann couldn't even guess how long they'll be in the new theater, but noted that no matter what happens,

some \$60 million will have to be raised.

After this weekend's hoopla, the PFA will slip back into its regular programming, beginning on Wednesday with a series on faux documentaries called "Some of These Stories Are True," which continues through Oct. 20. Among the titles are "Who's the Caboose?" about two New York actors who journey west for the TV pilot season, and "Suture: or Clark & Julia J. Clarendon and the Next Best Thing to Being on the Dark Continent Itself," an offbeat record of the pioneering wildlife cinematographers in Africa.

Following that will be "Max Ophuls: Moving Pictures," a series of 19 films made in Europe and Hollywood between 1931 and 1955 by one of cinema's most sophisticated and artful filmmakers. His "La Ronde" and "Liebelei" are drawn from the novels of Arthur Schnitzler, as is Stanley Kubrick's "Eyes Wide Shut." These screen Sept. 17 through Oct. 10, and at the Castro in San Francisco Oct. 1-7. For more info on PFA programs, call 510-642-1412.

THAT CERTAIN JE NE SAIS QUOI: "Breathless" or "Babette's Feast"? "La Dolce Vita" or "Jules and Jim"? In keeping with this year of lists, Landmark Theatres is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a public poll to name the top-100 foreign-language films. All who vote are eligible for prizes that include a trip

to Hong Kong, an annual Landmark pass and gift certificates. Bay Area voters can also win a trip to the Seattle Film Festival.

The poll continues through Oct. 31, with the list to be announced in January. The survey is open to anyone who fills out a ballot that includes 600 titles, with room for writings. Movies must have been made by a foreign filmmaker, in a language other than English. Ballots are available at Landmark theaters and Borders Books & Music stores, or through their respective Web sites: www.LandmarkTheatres.com, or www.borders.com.

WHILE WE'RE IN POLL MODE, they've announced the new inductees to the B-Movie Hall of Fame, written about previously in this column.

The winners were culled from 1,200 nominations from all over the globe. Among the new inductees in the B-Movie Artists division are John Wayne, Vincent Price, late martial arts master Bruce Lee, Russ Meyer, director of such bouncy fare as "Faster Pussycat! Kill! Kill!" and Jayne Mansfield, for her fine work in "The Sheriff of Fractured Jaw" and "Hercules and the Hydra." In the movie division, newly declared classics are "Kentucky Fried Movie," "Godzilla," "Shaft," "Mondo Cane" and "Clerks." For the complete list, check out the Hall of Fame's Web site, www.b-movie.com/hof/hof.html.



Kiwanis Club of Alameda

First Annual

Western Hoe-Down

Fund Raiser to Benefit Children & Families

WHEN : Saturday September 25
High Noon - 10 P.M.

WHERE: Officers' Club, Alameda Point

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Children under 12 Free
Add'l charge for food & activities

Food & Fun for All

Bring your family & spend the day enjoying a Rip-Roarin' Good time & a real Western BBQ

DAYTIME ACTIVITIES:

- ☆ Authentic Indian Pow-Wow
- ☆ Horse Drawn Hay Ride
- ☆ Celebrity Jail
- ☆ Cow Chip Bingo
- ☆ "Best Western" Costume Contest
- ☆ Square Dancing Lessons
- ☆ Children's games, clowns, etc.

EVENING ACTIVITIES:

- ☆ Charity Gambling
- ☆ Line & Country Dancing
- ☆ Traditional Western BBQ



Firsthand accounts describe a California we hardly know

By Barbara L. Sloane

"A World Transformed," edited by Joshua Paddison (Heyday Books, 368 pages, \$16.95)
"John Doble's Journal and Letters from the Mines," edited by Charles Camp (Volcano Press, 306 pages, \$24.95.)

California's celebration of the bicentennial anniversary of the Gold Rush is drawing to a close. However, publishers are still offering readers new accounts of those remarkable events in 1849 and 1850 which sparked the growth of our state.

Heyday Books has taken a slightly different approach in "A World Transformed." Editor Joshua Paddison's objective is to present firsthand accounts of California before the Gold Rush to show how modern California began to emerge even before the discovery of gold.

As Paddison writes in his introduction, "Eighty years of Spanish, Mexican, and American invasion had changed the region as significantly and pervasively as did subsequent gold rush."

In "A World Transformed," Paddison delivers in chronological order writings of the missionaries, merchants, settlers and soldiers who ended and settled in California between 1769 and 1848. He points out that a European mentality took hold in a more American philosophy lived with trappers and homesteaders in the 1840s.

"A World Transformed" contains accounts. The first three are by Spanish priests, Juan Crespi, Vicente Santa Maria and Francisco Palou describe the Bay area prior to Spanish colonization, including accounts of life among the



John Doble's JOURNAL & LETTERS FROM THE MINES

Volcano, Mokelumne Hill, Jackson
and San Francisco

John Doble

THE COVER to John Doble's book "Journal and Letters from the Mines."

"John Doble's Journal and Letters From the Mines" covers Doble's travels from New York through Panama up the West Coast to San Francisco.

Native Americans and the founding of Mission Dolores.

Visitors to the area in the early 1800s included George Vancouver, a British naval captain, and Russian fur traders Nicolai Petrovich Rezanov and Georg von Langsdorff. In 1816, French naturalist Adelbert von Chamisso collected and named hundreds of plants and flowers, the most famous of which is the golden poppy. His diary, along with sketches by a fellow traveler Louis Choris, offer valuable information about life in the missions.

Part IV of "A World Transformed" is entitled "Mexican Control, Yankee Infiltration and Conquest." The excerpts from writings of five authors present a changing world. Richard Henry Dana Jr. depicts the California life during a period of land grants bequeathed by Mexico to ranchers. With the confiscation of the missions in 1836, the society would change even more, not necessarily for the better.

Sir George Simpson, governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, visited in the 1840s and pointed out the deterioration of industry after the mis-

sions were shut down. Simpson said the dons were indolent, the governing from Mexico was practically nonexistent and the likely outcome was the conquest of California by the United States.

The figures bear out Simpson's prediction. In 1841 there were fewer than 400 foreigners from the U.S. and Europe. By 1848 there were 7,000, outnumbering the California population. Journalist Edwin Bryant, correctly predicted in 1846 San Francisco's rise as a commercial center, reinforcing an earlier prophecy by Richard Henry Dana. Dana wrote in 1835, "If California ever becomes a prosperous country, this bay will be the center of its prosperity."

It was Bryant's journal of his overland trip to California that was studied by many gold-seekers in the coming years. Two years before the discovery of gold, journalist Edward Kemble arrived in San Francisco. Kemble became one of the most prominent newspapermen in California, but he missed his biggest scoop. Journeying to Sutter's Mill in 1848, he declared the discovery of gold a "humbug!"

One month later he abandoned his paper to join in the great rush.

Meanwhile, back east in Indiana, a young man named John Doble heard the siren call of California gold. By October of 1851, Doble was determined to try his luck. His experiences are captured in a valuable daily record of the years 1851 to 1854.

"John Doble's Journal and Letters From the Mines" covers Doble's travels from New York through Panama up the West Coast to San Francisco. Over the next few years, he lived in Volcano, Mokelumne Hill and Jackson, but spent his final days in San Francisco.

Doble's journal is noteworthy because of the consistency with which he maintained it, writing in the evenings after back-breaking days of digging. Doble wrote down everything. Lists of his finances fill several pages, along with descriptions of geological formations and vegetation. We learn about the food miners ate (heavy on meat and flour), how they entertained themselves (playing poker and drinking), how the Indians cooked acorn meal and how justice was rendered in mining camps.

No detail is too small for Doble. His spelling and capitalization are erratic, punctuation is practically nonexistent, but the brutally hard life of gold miners is graphically presented. The attitude he expresses is one that probably carried along many miners: "I find a man can suit himself to circumstances in most any form they may come, at least so far every change with me has not particularly bothered me."

By 1853, John Doble had still not made his fortune, but he had made a decision.

"I thought then of soon returning to my native place, but I think now that this is as good a country as is in the world and that I can live here as well as anywhere else."

Editor Charles Camp was fortunate in tracking down a collection of letters which Doble wrote to a Lizzie Lucas in Pennsylvania in the 1860s. Although the correspondence never led to marriage, the letters contain even more information about life in California during early statehood.

Camp's three maps of the Calaveras mine area also increase our knowledge of this period, which continued the transformation of California which began 100 years earlier.

Buddhist spiritual teacher here

One of the world's foremost spiritual teachers, Thich Nhat Hanh, will be speaking at the Berkeley Community Theater on Tuesday, Sept. 21 p.m.

Thich Nhat Hanh's appearance is one of only three public talks he will give in the United States in 1999.

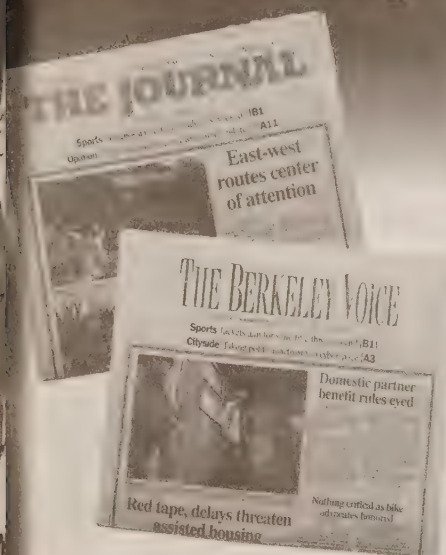
The talk is titled "Transforming Suffering into Joy, Peace, and Freedom." The event is sponsored by the Community of Mindful Living and Buddhist Peace Fellowship.

Tickets for the public talk are available at Avenue Books, Black Oak Books, Cody's Books (on Fourth Street), GAIA, Shambala Booksellers, all in Berkeley and Walden Pond Books in Oakland. Tickets are \$20 donation.

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Events

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tions celebrating the Year of the Ox. "Eighteenth Century Kyoto and the Emergence of the Maruyama-Shijo School," open-ended.

An exhibit of 18 hanging scrolls, handscrolls and album leaves by Maruyama Okyo and his students, works influenced heavily by Western artists' focus on nature. In the Asian Gallery.

"From the Tombs of the Great: New Additions from the Warren King Collection," open-ended. New items have been added to the museum's collection of ancient Chinese ceramics, including tomb figures in surprisingly good condition after having been buried for hundreds of years. In the Asian Gallery.

"Images and Ideas: The Collection in Focus," open-ended. The museum periodically displays some of its permanent collection in a context meant to highlight some aspect of the objects.

The three areas of focus for this exhibit are Renaissance art, 19th and 20th-century American art and paintings from 1940 to the present.

TOURS — Docent Tours, ongoing. A guided tour of current exhibits. Thursday, 12:15 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Free with admission.

\$6 general; \$4 seniors and students ages 12 to 18; free children age 12 and under; free Thursday, 11 a.m. to noon and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (510) 642-0808.

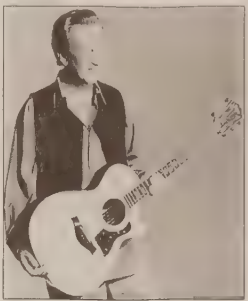
UC Berkeley Museum of Paleontology

"Tyrannosaurus Rex," ongoing. A 20-foot tall, 40-foot long replica of the fearsome dinosaur.

The replica is made from casts of bones of the most complete T. Rex skeleton yet excavated.

When unearthed in Montana, the bones were all lying in place with only a small piece of the tailbone missing.

"Pteranodon," ongoing. A sus-



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pended skeleton of a flying reptile with a wingspan of 22 to 23 feet. The Pteranodon lived at the same time as the dinosaurs.

California Fossils Exhibit, ongoing. An exhibit of some of the fossils which have been excavated in California.

Free. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lobby, Valley Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. (510) 642-1821.

UC Berkeley Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology

"A Taste of Culture: Approaches

to the Study of Cuisine," through December.

This exhibit considers the role of food in human cultures through objects and photographs.

"Food in California Indian Culture," through December.

This exhibit provides an overview of Native California foods, the implements used to prepare foods, and methods of storing and eating various regional foods.

"Ancient Treasures from Modern Iran," open-ended.

This exhibit explores nomadic and town life in ancient and modern Iran as illustrated in bronze and pottery vessels, and textiles.

"Approaching a Century of Anthropology: The Phoebe Hearst Museum," open-ended.

This new permanent installation will introduce visitors to major topics in the museum's history, including the role of Phoebe Apperson Hearst as the museum's patron, as well as the relationship of anthropologists Alfred Kroeber and Robert Lowie to the museum.

"Ishi and the Invention of Yahi Culture," ongoing. This exhibit documents the culture of the Yahi Indians of California as described and demonstrated from 1911 to 1916 by Ishi, the last surviving member of the tribe.

\$2 general; \$1 seniors; \$0.50 children age 17 and under; free on Thursdays. Wednesday, Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Kroeber Hall, Bancroft Way and College Avenue, Berkeley. (510) 643-7648.

If your group has an event listing send it to Hills Newspaper, Events listings, 5707 Redwood Road, Oakland, CA, 94619.

Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Classes

UC-Berkeley Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Dr., offers continuing classes in nature drawing and painting and techniques that make nature painting and drawing come alive. Instructor Karen LeGault, welcomes beginners as well as accomplished artists. The classes are Tuesday afternoons, from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 21. Call 643-2755 for additional information and to enroll.

The Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., offers a hands-on workshop for making a simple solar cooker using only sunlight as fuel. Learn basic solar principles and hear how solar cooker benefits people around the world. Cost is \$10 for non members; \$7.50 for members, plus \$10 for materials. Call 548-2220 for more information and to sign up.

Vista Community College offers "Careers in International Trade on Saturday, Sept. 18. The classes takes place at Vista Community College's Allston Way Annex, 2075 Allston Way, Rm 100. Fee for California residents is \$6. Registration is open until the day

classes began. Call 841-8860 ext. 271 for information.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The center offers a variety of workshops. Orientation is Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. For more information call 848-6370.

Bruno Consulting Services, 1700 Solano Ave., Suite A, offers a free seminar on "How to Purchase a Computer" on Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Limited seating. Call 528-5666 to pre-register.

Van der Zanden Studio Sculpture Classes, 1025 Carleton, No. 9, celebrates its Fourth Anniversary Party and Student Show on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Call 843-9445 for additional information.

Berkeley Community Media presents classes covering camera techniques, movement, composition of shots, tempo, continuity, editing, sound influence. Screenings will include works of Goodard, Wong Kar Wai, Spike Lee, and others. This class is for anyone interested in film, video and the power of the media. Call 848-2288, ext. 810 for additional information.

"Learn Your Rights When Dealing with the Police," a free three-hour orientation teaches how to observe police and to help prevent police brutality.

Copwatch is a grassroots

organization, which works for the rights of everyone under the law. Additional information, call 848-6370.

Life Stories/Collage classes forming at St. John's Center, 2727 College Ave., 7-8 mornings 9 a.m. to noon. Come. Free. Sponsored by Adult School. Teachers and Judith Carrol. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

Contemporary Women's class is forming at the New Senior Center, 1901 Hearst, class offered by the Berkeley School, taught by Judith Carrol. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to all women 55 or older. Call for additional information: 848-6370.

Dance and Fitness Class all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees. Call for additional information: 848-6370.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug beginning classes, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. four-week dance classes begin first Tuesday of the month.

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with Docent Lois Paul the last day of every month at 1 p.m. Visit a portion of the garden that represents a different continent or foreign country. Find out what's special about the plants that grow there and draw what you see. Call 643-2755 to reserve space.

Water Rats. Julia Morgan's kid's water camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session. Kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

Health

Root Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at the Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a hereditary disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

CA Health and Community Education: drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 843-7070. \$8 - \$10.

Community

Friends of the People's Weekly will hold a banquet takes place on Sunday, Sept. 26. The event features folksinger and storyteller Utah Phillips and honors area elected officials, labor and community leaders: Berkeley Vice Mayor Maudella Shirk; San Jose City Councilmember Cindy Chavez; Ruth Brook, president, Sacramento Central Labor Council; Lawrence Thibault, president, ILWU local 10; PUEBLO President for a Better Oakland and executive director Dan HoSang. The event takes place at the Lordships Restaurant, Berkeley Marina. Reservations: \$35. Call 436-0477 for additional information.

Spanish Tour takes place at the Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Dr. on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 2 p.m. Get in good for the Fabulous Foods of the Americas exhibit. There will be a tour of the garden give in Spanish by Argentinian plant expert Lee Anderson. Call 843-2755 to reserve a place. The fee with garden admission. Call 849 for additional information.

Cafe. 3105 Shattuck Ave., hosts Mexican Independence Day on Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m. Celebrate El Grito with Mexican Independence Day music and dance. Admission is \$7. Call 843-2568 for additional information.

Architectural Heritage Association and Oakland Heritage Trust present the 1999 Arts & Crafts Tour on Sunday, Sept. 26, noon to 5 p.m. "How the Neighbors Lived in Wood, Fairview Park and Claremont" is the tour focus. Call BAHAT at 845-1632 for volunteer.

Berkeley Senior Center. Hearst, presents a trip to Carmel

and Point Lobos Wednesday, Sept. 29. The bus leaves at 8 a.m. and returns by 6 p.m. Cost is \$20. Call Maggie or Suzanne at 644-6107 for additional information.

Berkeley Chamber of Commerce presents Ambassadors' Gourmet Spaghetti Feed at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 1 Seawall Dr., Thursday, Sept. 30, from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Admission \$20 all you can eat. Limited seating. Call 549-7003 to reserve space and for additional information.

Berkeley Region Exchange and Development presents a Bread Barter Fair Saturday, Sept. 18 from noon to 4:30 p.m. at the Berkeley Unitarian Fellowship. A yard sale, crafts fair, swap meet, flea market, social gathering extravaganzas and other activities will be available. Bring items to trade for Bread. Bread is a local currency, building community and local self-reliance in the Bay Area. Call 704-5247 for additional information.

Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice: Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6706 for additional information.

Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

The City of El Cerrito is accepting job applications for 1999 Summer Employment, day camp and pool staff positions. Ages 15 plus must have job permit if under 18. Ages 12 + for volunteers. Applications may be picked up at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information call 215-4370.

"Work Buddies": volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

Psychic Healing clinic: 7 to 9 p.m., Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355.

SMART project: the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day

treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

The Edible Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

English-in-Action lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716.

Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

Exhibits

Kala Art Institute, 1060 Heinz Ave., presents the work of Phelan printmaking winners Susan Belau, Jeanne Tunberg, Marion Wesson through Oct. 14. A reception takes place on Thursday, Sept. 16 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, other times by appointment. Call 549-2977 for additional information.

Traywick Gallery, 1316 Tenth St., announces a group exhibition featuring six artists from New York, Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area. The exhibition "Drive-by" continues through Oct. 17.

"Behold the Woman," a millennium celebration of miraculous Marian Images and their stories from around the world throughout the last two thousand years, continues through Oct. 31. The free exhibit takes place at Santa Fe Institute, 2320 Dana St. Call 543-2920 for additional information.

Kala Art Institute presents The San Francisco Foundation 1999 James D. Phelan Awards in Printmaking exhibit continuing through Oct. 14. Reception for the artist and awards presentation take place on Thursday, Sept. 16 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., awards presented at 7 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Other times by appointment.

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Collective Narratives: Paintings by Karen Cornell and Byron Spicer on exhibit at the Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St., through Oct. 30. An artists' reception takes place on Sunday, Sept. 19 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free event. For additional information call 644-6893.

"Color, Form, Mark: Addressing the Essential" will be on display through Sept. 16 at John F. Kennedy University Arts Annex, 2956 San Pablo Ave. The exhibit features the works of

Holly Crafty, James Linneham and Virginia Shepley. For additional information call 649-0499.

The Current Gallery at the Crucible presents "Akin to Skin," welded steel and kinetic rubber works by Nancy Mintz through Oct. 23. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed most Fridays. For additional information call 843-5511.

The WCRC Gallery, 3023 Shattuck Ave., exhibits the artistry of Mickey

Spencer, an artist in her seventies who invented "paper painting." The show runs through Sept. 30. Regular gallery hours are Tuesday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday and Thursdays 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. and by appointment. For additional information call 548-9272.

ACCI Gallery, 1652 Shattuck Ave., presents New Work. The 3P's Painting-Paper-Pottery to Oct. 2. Call 843-2527 for

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Additional information:
Berkeley Pottery Guild holds its twenty-eighth annual winter holiday sale during the weekends of Nov. 27-28 and Dec. 4-5 and during the entire week of Dec. 11-23. Nineteen Guild members will display current works throughout their studios of open studios. The Guild is located at 731 Jones St. at 4th St., just off the Gilman St. exit of I-80. Call 524-7031 to visit the web site at BerkeleyPottery.com.

Lutheran Chapel. 2425 College Avenue, hosts an exhibition of paintings by the artist Jeffrey Sully, through Oct. 23. Hours are Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 843-6230.

Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive presents the latest exhibition, "The M... Program for Contemporary Art" by Tobias Rehberger/Matthias Rehberger, through Nov. 14. Rehberger is a conceptual artist from Germany. The exhibit will be his first one-person museum exhibition in North America. Call 642-2250 for additional information.

Claremont Gallery. 2907 Claremont Ave., presents "Southwest Passage" through Oct. 31. Call 848-9300 for additional information.

Bates Medical Center presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information.

Portraits and Memory: A Portrait of the Moroccan Jews of the Atlas and Sahara continues through Oct. 31 at the Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St. For additional information call 549-6950.

Here: The Jews of the Pale of Settlement. — A photographic exhibition by Peggy Myers is on view through Oct. 31 at the Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St. For additional information call 620-6772.

Pieces Gallery presents a list of artists for the year 1999. Located on Haight Avenue, New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except major holidays. Call 527-6779.

Library Events

Fourth Annual Watershed Environmental Poetry Festival takes place Saturday, Sept. 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Berkeley Civic Center (Martin Luther King, Jr. Way at Center Street). Former US Poet Laureate Robert Hass heads a list of noted artists and activists in the free day of poetry, music and interactive environmental events. Highlights include poets Lawrence Ferrelty, Diane di Prima, Joy Harjo, John Dell, and Juan Felipe Herrera; school children from California Poets in the Schools and the River of Words National Poetry Competition; an open reading on environmental topics and other activities. Call 845-8464 for additional information.

Let's Mouth, a poetry collective dedicated to promoting Bay Area poets features Richmond high school teacher, poet, and D.A. Powell, author of "The recipient of a 1997 Paul Engle Fellowship on Sunday, Sept. 26 at 8 p.m. The readings take place at the Center and Nobles, 2352 Shattuck Ave. All poets are graduates of the lower level's Workshop. All events are free. Call 644-0861 for additional information.

Only Too Late If You Don't Start Now, written by Barbara Sher is focus of an informal discussion group career explorers and searchers. This two-week series takes place on Tuesdays, Sept. 21 through Oct. 12, 6 p.m. at Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Tenthredin Way. For more information call 6370.

Alex Matthews will talk about fourth mystery, Winton's Web at M.C. Burn Books, 950 San Pablo Ave. in Alameda on Thursday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. For more information call the bookstore 24-1370.

Resurrection Bookshop, Center Eastern Orthodox Spirituality, 1708 University Ave., presents a Thursday lecture series, 7:30 p.m. Lecture topics include "Christ the Eternal Tao, The appearance of a Culture Imbued with Tao: A Historical Overview of the Development of Modern Times, St. John the Evangelist, St. Herman of Alaska, Nathaniel Hawthorne: Sins of our Fathers, the Emergence of Neo-Martyrology, and Prison Ministry. The lectures are free. Call 665-4112 for dates and details.

Word readers: Study Unity principles at Temescal Library, 5205 Telegraph, Wednesdays noon to 1 p.m. Contact 843-5611.

Wing Women: Writers and Heroes of African Literature; 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, free course in the Berkeley

ley Adult School Older Adults Program, Helen Ripper Wheeler, instructor; North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst, corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, 549-2970 after 9 a.m.

Meetings

A Town Hall Meeting on Y2K and Emergency Preparedness takes place on Monday, Sept. 27 at the Alta Bates Hospital Main Auditorium, 2450 Ashby Ave. Everyone welcome. The meeting is sponsored by Bateman St. Neighborhood Association, the Berkeley Y2K Resilience Network and the City of Berkeley. Call 644-BYRN for more information.

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1282, meet Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 1 p.m. at Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage Ave., Albany.

The Richmond-El Cerrito Branch of the American Association of University Women meet on Saturday, Sept. 18 at the El Cerrito Masonic Center, 6922 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. Gloria L. Johnston Ph.D., Superintendent of the West Contra Costa Unified School District is keynote speaker. The 10 a.m. brunch is hosted by branch board members. For additional information call 526-8941.

American Schizophrenia Association- Alliance for the Mentally Ill (ASA-AMI) bi-monthly meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at University Christian Church, 2401 Le Conte at Scenic Ave. The topic is "Planning for the Financial Future for our Disabled Family Member." For further information call ASA-AMI at 841-8361.

Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on Solano below Arlington. Call Betty Coates 235-0490 for more information.

Joy of Yiddish: Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

The Berkeley Communications Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Hemlock Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

Toastmasters on Campus meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 889-2547 for details.

Spirituality and Healing Voices of Healing Story Circles. Spiritually oriented healing group for people living with life-threatening illness. Meets second Wednesday of each month in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for information.

State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

Higher Alignment: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships, Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; (415) 461-5337; \$20.

Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

Overeaters Anonymous, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at

7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (Take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

TOPS: 9:30 a.m., Mondays: Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Mann, 233-2948 or Karen: 525-6856.

Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 643-7645.

Toastmasters noon - 1 p.m. Tuesdays, stand up and say what you mean, practice with the toastmasters, 700 Heinz Ave., Berkeley, 883-6708.

Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Hemlock Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Berkeley Details: 204-4503.

Strong Women-Writers and Heroes of American Literature meet on Thursdays from 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. This is a free course in the Berkeley Adult School Older Adults Program. For additional information call 549-2970.

Music

Anna Carol Dudley, one of Berkeley's most distinguished singers, is appearing in recital Sept. 19 at 4 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, as part of the church's 125th anniversary. Admission is free and childcare is available. The church is located at 2345 Channing Way. Call 848-3606 ext. 26 for additional information.

Additional information

Simon Berry presents an organ recital of the Parish Mass by Francois Couperin on the gallery and antiphonal organs at the Church of St. David of Wales, 5641 Esmond Ave. on Friday, Oct. 1. Organ concerts are given each first Friday of the Month at 11:15 a.m., lasting 45 minutes. Everyone is welcome. Choral and solo recitals are a regular feature of the music program. Benediction (at noon) follows the Organ Recitals. Call 237-1531 for additional information.

"Friday Night Folk Dancing" 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kansas Ave., 54; call 525-1542.

Outdoors

The University of California Botanical Gardens presents its Annual Fall Plant Sale on Sunday, Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A spectacular selection is available, including rare and unusual plants. The garden is in 200 Centennial Dr. between the Memorial Stadium and the Lawrence Hall of Science. Call 643-2755 for directions and a plant list.

East Bay Regional Parks Botanical Garden Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

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Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Hemlock Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. No advance reservations required, drop in anytime. Friends and family are welcome to attend. For directions or more information, call 204-4503.

Stroke Support Group for Stroke survivors, their families and friends. No advance reservations required. Meets the first Tuesday of each month, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Maffly Auditorium, Hemlock Campus, 2001 Dwight Way.

Lecture/Workshop

El Cerrito resident, Marti Kheel, co-founder of the national educational orga-

nization, Feminists for Animal Rights presents a slide show "Animal Liberation Through an Ecofeminist Lens," on Thursday, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m. at the Goldman Institute on Aging, 3600 Geary Street, San Francisco. Reception at 7 p.m. Admission to the slide show is free, and all are welcome. Light vegan refreshments will be served.

Paris: Transforming the Beauty and the Horror of Urban Reconstruction, a lecture with slides with Leonard Pitt Sept. 24 - October 16, on Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. 1542 Grant St. at Cedar in Berkeley Wine served 510-841-0686 business hours.

An illustrated talk by writer and home restoration specialist Jane Powell lectures Wednesday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m. at the College Avenue Presbyterian Church, 5951 College Ave. Tickets are \$10. Call 841-2242 for additional information.


Family Caregiver Alliance (FCA) offers a free workshop at the Richmond Senior Center on Friday, Sept. 24, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. The workshop is for those with a memory-impairing disease, such as Alzheimer's, stroke, dementia or another disabling brain disorder. To register or to find out more about FCA services, call (800)445-8106.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different programs the center offers, including the great variety of workshops. The orientations are held every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. The Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. For more information call 848-6370.

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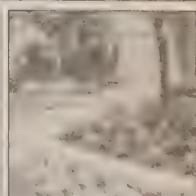
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Berkeley High School, Class of 1979, is holding its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 18, at Scott's Seafood Restaurant in Oakland. Contact Great Reunions at 1-714-987-5000 or 1-800-655-7971.

Berkeley High School's Class of 1974 will hold its 25th class reunion at the Berkeley Marina Radisson Hotel on Saturday, Sept. 18.

All interested Berkeley High School graduates should call for reservations and information at 654-9774.

El Cerrito High School, Class of 1979, is organizing its 20-year reunion for Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Sheraton Concord Hotel. Contact Great Reunions at 1-714-937-5000 or 1-800-655-7971.

Miramonte High School, Class of 1979, is searching for alumni for its 20-year reunion, which is scheduled for July 24-25, 1999, in the Walnut Creek area. Contact Ellie

Kessler Viera, reunion committee coordinator, at 1-916-933-1826, or e-mail at gmeredit@sonic.net.

China-Burma-India Veterans Association is organizing its 52nd annual reunion for Sept. 1-8 in Cincinnati, Ohio. For information, contact Melvin McMullen, 120 W. 49th St., San Bernardino (92407-3202).

USS Maddox destroyer crew members are planning a reunion for Sept. 8-12 in Norfolk, Va. Contact Cliff Gillespie at 1-714-960-5283 for more information.

Ygnacio Valley High School, Class of 1979, is holding its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Walnut Creek. Contact Reunion Masters at 1-408-448-7888 or 1-800-359-7888.

El Cerrito High School, Class of 1979, is organizing its 20-year reunion for Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Sheraton

Concord Hotel. Contact Great Reunions at 1-714-937-5000 or 1-800-655-7971.

Polytechnic High School, classes of fall 1948, spring 1949 and fall 1949, in San Francisco is planning its 50-year anniversary for October.

For information, contact Dick and Marylou (Emerson) Ellis at 1-925-672-4753.

San Lorenzo Valley High School, Class of 1989, is organizing its 10-year reunion.

To pass along updated information of classmates, call or fax Jenni (Markley) Allen at 1-925-754-7231, or e-mail at Callen3079@aol.com.

Alameda High School, Class of 1979, is making preparations for its 20-year reunion. To help locate class members or to update address information, call Nancy Wiese Slagle at 1-510-889-8487, or Cindy Zecher at 1-510-523-7361.

Westlake Junior High School,

Classes of 1930-35, will hold a luncheon reunion on May 6 at the Orinda Country Club. A no-host social hour begins at 11:30 p.m. followed by lunch at 1 p.m. For reservations, call Betsey Andchor Young at 1-925-283-1836, or Jane Hahn Glazier at 1-925-933-5919.

Miramonte High School, Class of 1979, is searching for alumni for its 20-year reunion, which is scheduled for July 24-25, 1999, in the Walnut Creek area. Contact Ellie Kessler Viera, reunion committee coordinator, at 1-916-933-1826, or e-mail at gmeredit@sonic.net.

George Washington High School, Class of 1944, in San Francisco is holding its 55-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 2, at the Embassy Suites at the San Francisco International Airport. Contact Barbara Levey at 1-415-884-2330.

Polytechnic High School, classes of fall 1948, spring 1949 and fall 1949, in San Francisco is

planning its 50-year anniversary for October 1999. For information, contact Dick and Marylou (Emerson) Ellis at 1-925-672-4753.

Richmond Union High class of 1954 will have a reunion Oct. 16 in Walnut Creek. Call 925-228-6980 or 925-228-8024 for details.

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Arroyo High School, Class of 1979, of San Lorenzo is holding its 20-year reunion on Saturday, May

22, at the Sheraton Pleasanton. Contact Reunion Masters at 1-408-448-7888 or 359-7888.

Newark Memorial High School, Class of 1989, is planning a year reunion for Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Holiday Inn San Bernardino. Contact Great Reunions at 1-714-937-5000 or 1-800-655-7971.

Skyline High School, Class of 1979, is planning its 20-year reunion for Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Holiday Inn-Bay Bridge Emeryville. Contact Reunion Masters at 1-714-937-5000 or 655-7971.

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Art cars, Edsels rev-up Stroll-goers

From staff reports

More than 100,000 people watched in awe as a madcap motorcade of cars rolled down Solano Avenue from Berkeley to Albany for the Solano Stroll on Sept. 12. The annual event, celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, began with a parade that combined a small town little league spirit with a dose of Bay Area Babylon.

This year's madcap motorcade featured representatives from the never-subtle "art cars" movement: the Zebra-car, a striped horseless carriage; the Mondrian mobile; a multi-colored abstract anti-tribute to the Dutch painter; and Marble Madness — a work featuring an ingenious mosaic of stained glass, mysterious pyramids, mirrors and marbles.

About 100 art cars will converge on the Bay Area from Sept. 23 to 26 for "four days of art, film, music, fashion, performances and fun." All events except film screenings will be free. Call 800-391-9673 or visit www.artcarfest.com for more information.

The Stroll also brought out a number of Ford Edsels from 1958 and 1960. Michael Cowles of the Redwood Empire Edsel Club says these cars love a parade.

"They're Ford's most popular mistake!" Cowles says with a smile.

According to Cowles, there are 2,000 Edsels in ownership, with fully 1,000 still on the road. For more information on the club, call Cowles at 510-379-9569.

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A MOSAIC-BEJEWELED BUG draws the crowd in at the 25th annual Solano Avenue Stroll. There's no limit to what some artists will do to honor their vision of the perfect internal-combustion canvas.

Auto Plus



By Mary Jo Farrell

"We need to look at ways to take those who shouldn't be driving, no matter their age, off the road..."

Focus on driver ability, not age

By Mary Jo Farrell
AUTO PLUS EDITOR

Last week we wrote about a Senate bill that would require road testing for at-risk drivers. I can always tell when something I've written strikes a chord with readers, because my e-mail and voice mail light up like Christmas.

About 10 minutes after that day's paper hit her porch, Rose D. in Berkeley called me up to tell me I should be ashamed of myself for picking on older drivers. "You probably think the middle-aged drunks are better drivers," she fumed. At 70, Rose is justifiably proud of how careful older drivers are, as compared with younger ones.

Our intent was not to pick on older

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drivers. In fact, as amended, the bill removes all mention of age. My point was that I'm concerned about how many of our elders we're losing in accidents. My comparison between accidents among our youngest and oldest drivers was simply to open a discussion about the progress we've made in improving driver training and regulation for our youngest drivers. We also ought to be looking at ways to make sure drivers at the other end of the spectrum aren't forgotten either.

Rose was still steaming the next day, so she called up again to say that cell phone users (of which she is certain I am one) are a far greater haz-

ard than seniors behind the wheel. Rose is to be forgiven, as she was reading my column for the first time. She has missed the last few years of columns where I have advocated for safer driving for all ages. She has missed the rants against road rage and speeding. She doesn't know I taught alcohol abuse awareness classes for 10 years.

Rose, I'm a rabid anti-car-phonist. I'm a mother of two, stepmother of one and a grandmother of two. My kids still living at home, at 15 and 16, think I'm the meanest mother in the world because they don't get their own cars the instant they reach their 16th birthday. I'm one of you, Rose. But it breaks my heart to read stories about pedestrians, drivers and passengers killed and families ruined by preventable traffic fatalities.

California needs to look seriously at ways to make it possible for those

who shouldn't be driving, whether they're 30 or 90, to be taken humanely off the road. A recent article in USA Today chronicled the progress Missouri is making in that direction. In Missouri, ability, not age, is the driving concern.

Missouri and a few other states have instituted a hotline approach to DMV complaints. Anyone concerned about someone else's driving can anonymously request a review of that person's vision, traffic rule knowledge, and driving prowess. The driver will never learn who made the call. It could be a police officer, a relative, a doctor or friend.

That approach makes a great deal of sense to me. Another reader, Lisa Kanazawa, an occupational therapist in Danville, wrote to say that she works with geriatric rehabilitation patients. "While I work with my clients to increase their indepen-

dence, one of the most delicate areas is driving," she writes. "The loss of the driving privilege is one of the greatest blows to independence."

Lisa goes on to say that people often continue to drive even after they know they're unsafe because they don't feel they have any other alternative.

"Doctors have been able to sign paperwork that removes driving privileges for medical reasons," she said. "In my practice, I found it very difficult to successfully obtain doctors' orders against driving. The usual response was that the client had enough common sense not to get in a car and drive. I often wondered how they thought their patients arrived for appointments at the office."

The feedback to my column was-

n't entirely indignant. A Rossmore reader wrote to say, "I'm a 77-year-old driver who is strongly in favor of testing the elderly in terms of their qualifications to receive a license. Even the tests currently administered by the DMV every five years are woefully inadequate."

"While a simple eye-chart test and/or pencil and paper test have good face validity, they are not getting at some of the other variables basic to the perceptual-motor skills called upon in the process of driving a vehicle... I am in disagreement with the AARP on the testing issue even though I am a member. What are they afraid of?"

Maybe what we need is better, more affordable door-to-door transportation for those who no longer

drive. Maybe kids looking for community service hours could be asked to drive the elderly or, better yet, who has more enthusiasm for driving than the newly licensed driver. The answer is more driver education. Or we could be updating licensing.

As Senate Bill 335 now has been placed on the table, it could be revived during the legislative session in January. I have strong feelings on the other about the issue, you well advised to contact your legislator and offer your suggestions.

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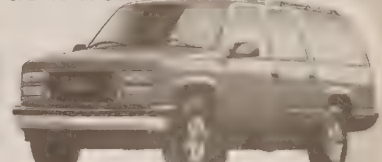
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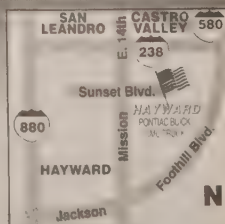
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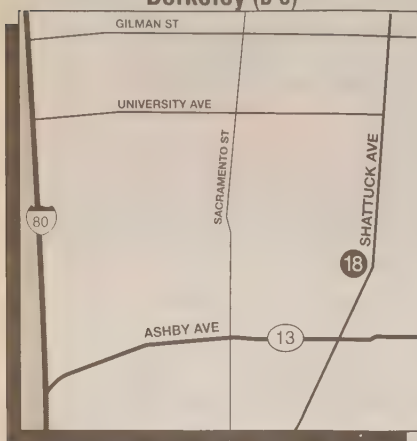
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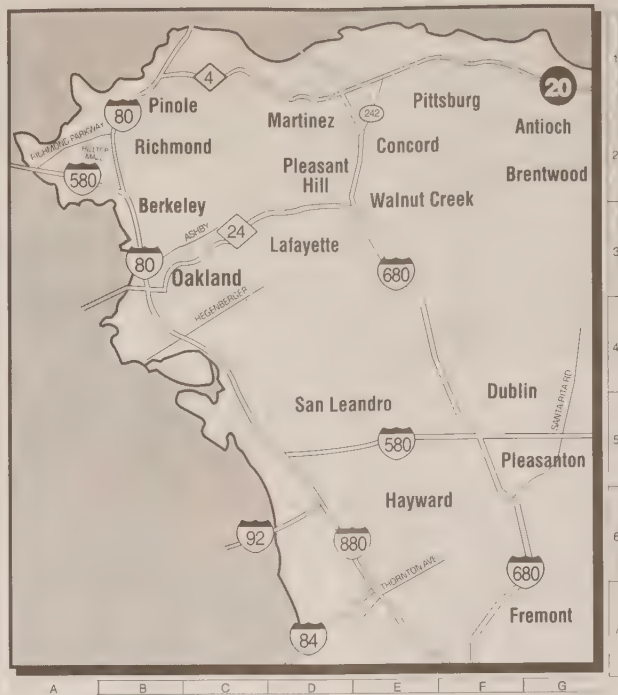
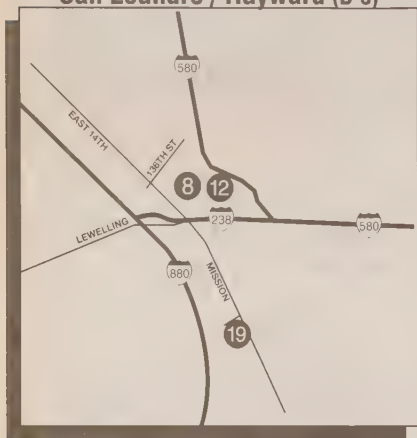
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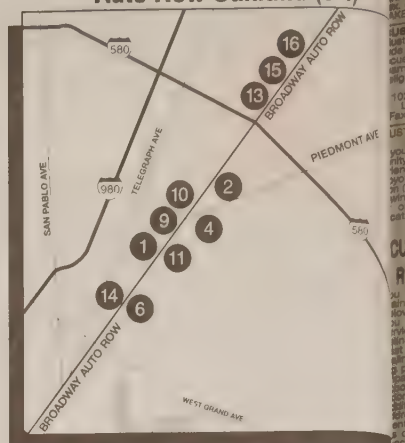
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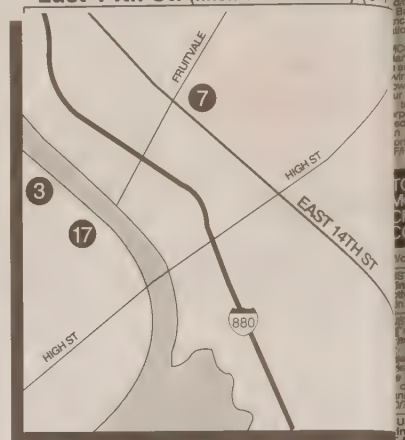
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diate opening for service
clerk and a pharmacy clerk
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Save Mart is an Equal Oppor-
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Saturday, September 18

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By Cathy Thomas
ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

The smoky taste of succulent ribs sings to the barbecue lover's soul.

"Ribs have primitive appeal," Hugh Carpenter, popular cook-teacher and cookbook author, wrote in his latest book, "The Great Ribs Book" (Ten Speed Press, 1999, \$4.95), is a foolproof guide to rib cookery.

"I think there's something deep about ribs from ancient times associated with eating ribs around camp fire," he explains. "I'm amazed when I serve ribs at a party, some slender guest dressed in delicate, white silk consumes as many ribs as humanly possible, happily eating with their fingers without any regard to their clothes."

It's true. Guests become blissfully unaware of splatters of sauce on their hands and face as they probe the lower of clean-as-a-whistle ribs on the sides of their plates.

No euphoria takes over. Pleasure triumphs over propriety. "It's part texture and part richness," Carpenter says. "Ribs are cooked with fat and the meat is incredibly tender."

With this in mind, my pal Mel Melman and I recently staged a party in my yard. Our rib-a-ma-jig included my husband, Phil, his girlfriend, Barbara, and friends Carol and Carol.

Love cooking with Mel. He tracks new recipes daily, armed with

more enthusiasm than a TV chef when the cameras come in for a close-up. No culinary subject is too complicated. No ingredient list is too complex.

Not bad for someone who didn't know how to boil water 10 years ago.

With two styles of pork ribs, both baby backs and spareribs, bathed in three marinades, we started grilling before the guests arrived. Mel's rib expertise far exceeded mine. He'd attended one of Hugh Carpenter's rib cooking classes and knew every nuance of rib grillery.

He fired up the kettle-style charcoal barbecue, spreading the glowing coals to the sides and placing a 9-inch square throwaway pan filled with 1 1/2 inches of hot water in the center. He explained that the steam from the water would help to make the meat tender. Then he preheated the gas barbecue to medium-low.

The marinades were taken chapter and verse from Carpenter's book. Carpenter says that his approach to rib marinades is global and somewhat unorthodox, diverging from the Texas (or Kansas City) tomato-sugar-based versions.

Earlier, we made an apricot marinade with pureed dried apricots that had been cooked with vinegar, ginger and garlic. Another marinade was made with hoisin sauce, plum sauce and oyster sauce, then combined with other delectable Asian ingredients; it was dubbed Best Chinese Baby Back Ribs. Meanwhile, another batch was slathered with a mixture that con-

tained, among other things, chunky peanut butter, honey and Asian chili sauce.

The ribs marinated for several hours in the fridge; we took them out 30 minutes before grilling, to bring them closer to room temperature for faster, more even grilling. But before we bathed them in marinade, we removed the membrane that covered the underside of the ribs.

Carpenter says that removing the membrane (which is called fell) is essential, because without it, the ribs absorb more marinade and in the end, they're more tender. Either ask the butcher to remove it or pull it off yourself (see tips).

He says that when the membrane is removed, there is no reason to parboil ribs before grilling, a process he thinks prevents proper marinade absorption.

Mel set gizmos called rib racks on both grills. These simple devices hold the ribs vertically, like toast in a toaster. With ribs standing upright, not only can you grill more ribs at one time, but the position prevents scorching on all parts except the very bottom of the rib bone. Well, anyway, that's how it works most of the time.

Just cover the 'cue, so that the lid traps in all the smoky flavor, baste from time to time with additional marinade, and in about 75 minutes (for baby backs), you'll have beautifully glazed,



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As the guests arrived, Mel removed the perfectly grilled apricot-glazed and Best Chinese ribs from the gas barbecue and placed them

into a clean, brown paper bag to keep them warm. He rolled the edge of the bag to seal it, then moved the remaining ribs (still standing in the rib rack) from the

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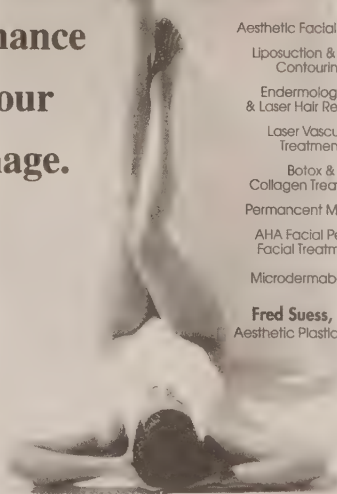
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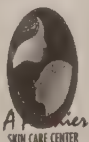
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Young cooks spend time in the kitchen 'because it's fun!'

By Joe Stumpe
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

WICHITA, Kan. — Amy Jo Atteberry wants to start her own cookie company when she grows up.

The 10-year-old from Wichita is off to a good start, having taken and filled neighbors' orders for dozens of home-baked cookies this summer.

Kimberly Longhofer, 8, dug new potatoes and snapped green beans for her family's dinners this summer. She likes to bake, too, and uses artificial sweeteners so that her younger sister, Katie, who's diabetic, can enjoy them.

Amy and Kimberly are just two of many young children who have discovered cooking. While young chefs inevitably give the same reason for their interest — "because it's fun!" — parents see other benefits.

"I think they learn responsibility, besides reading and following directions," said Connie Meigs of Pratt, Kan., whose daughter Jamie, 11, likes to cook. "And when you do it as a family, it brings you together."

Kimberly's mother, Cindy Longhofer, agrees.

"I look for recipes that have things in there they can do to help," she said. "For one thing, they eat better and more nutritious things like fruits and vegetables when they help make them."

This year, at Kimberly's suggestion, the Longhofers added green beans to their garden.

"I'd shovel out the dirt and they'd pick all the potatoes out," Cindy Longhofer said.

"Then they'd snap beans. That's one of their favorite things."

"The other thing is learning to measure and the coordination of learning to pour, or using the rolling pin. All those coordination and strength things are good."

Of course, young cooks generally require some assistance. Longhofer gears the amount to the age of each of her three children. She's kind of in the background for Kimberly. "If she's forgetting to put something in, I'll ask her to check the recipe again."

With 5-year-old Katie, who can recognize a few numbers but not many words, "it's pretty much side by side."

Katie does delight in mixing, her mom said, so "I have a lot of recipes that take a lot of stirring."

Longhofer even has her 3-year-old son cutting out cookies.

"He's starting to get interested," she said. "I start very young."

Only slightly older is 5-year-old DeJoria Thompson, who helps her mom make brownies.

"She likes to put the little nuts in there," her dad, Marcus Thompson, said.

While all this sounds good, parents who haven't cooked with their children may be wary.

Lynn Frederick, author of "Cooking Time Is Family Time" (due out this month from William Morrow), says that "adopting a new mindset" helps. She gives these tips:

- Don't worry about the mess. Some disorder is inevitable, at least in the beginning. Wear washable clothing and correct your child's

messy techniques by demonstrating your own neater ones, Frederick says.

- Don't worry about how long it takes. Even "quick" recipes are likely to take longer when a child is involved. But children will probably be less anxious about how soon they eat if they're helping cook.

- Have fun, focusing less on the result than the process. Laugh at your children's slip-ups and praise their accomplishments, Frederick says. Let them concentrate on one or two skills at a time before taking on additional duties.

Measuring cups, spatulas, rolling pins and peelers are just some of the kitchen tools most children can handle without risk to life and limb.

Cooking will likely be just one of many activities that busy youngsters engage in.

But it's one that can produce tangible results. April Reed, 11, of Derby, Kan., who likes to read, draw and ride horses, used the couple years of experience she already has in the kitchen to pay back her grandparents with a treat they're still talking about — carrot cake.

"For my grandmother, it was for her birthday," April said. "And for my grandfather, it was for helping me with a project."



THESE KIDS CAN COOK! In front we have DeJoria Thompson, Kimberly Longhofer and Katie Longhofer. In the back are Amy Atteberry, Jamie Schatz and April Reed.

Try these recipes from our eager young chefs

By Joe Stumpe
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Try these recipes from child cooks April Reed, 11, Amy Jo Atteberry, 10, Kimberly Longhofer, 8, and Jamie Meigs, 11:

Graham Cracker Balls

- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon sugar or 2 packages sweetener
- Cocoa-flavored rice cereal

Place crackers in a large zippered bag. Squeeze out air and zip closed. Use a rolling pin to crush crackers and make crumbs. Mix together peanut butter, vanilla, milk and sugar until smooth. Add crumbs slowly until well mixed and you can form a soft ball of dough with your hands. Crush cereal in the same fashion as crackers.

Roll dough into walnut-size balls. Roll in crushed cereal.

Blonde Brownies

- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 3/4 cups packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 eggs
- 1 pkg. (12 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate morsels

Combine flour, baking powder and salt in a small bowl. Beat brown sugar, butter and vanilla extract until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Gradually beat in flour mixture.

Stir in morsels. Spread into greased 15x10-inch jellyroll pan.

Bake in preheated 350-degree oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until top is golden brown.

Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars.

Makes 35 servings.

Carrot Cake

- 2 cups flour
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup corn oil
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups shredded carrots
- 1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple
- 1/2 cup walnuts

Grease a 9x13-inch pan. Stir together flour, sugar, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda and salt. And oil, eggs, carrots, pineapple and walnuts, beating vigorously with spoon to blend. Pour into pan. Bake at 350 degrees about 40 minutes. Cool in pan for 20 minutes.

Ice with frosting made by beating together 1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 3 tablespoons melted butter and 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar.

Makes 15 servings.

Tropical Cooler

- 1 cup pineapple juice
- 1 mango, peeled, seeded and chopped
- 1 medium ripe banana
- 8 ice cubes

Combine juice, mango, banana and ice cubes in blender or food processor. Cover and blend until smooth.

Makes 3 servings.

Western Wraps

- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 tablespoon taco sauce
- 4 (6-inch) flour tortillas
- 1 cup canned black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/4 cup real bacon pieces
- 1/2 small green bell pepper, diced
- 1/4 cup (1 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese

Stir together cream cheese and taco sauce; spread mixture evenly on one side of each tortilla.

Top with black beans, bacon, bell pepper and cheese.

Roll tortillas tightly. Wrap in plastic and chill. Makes 4 wraps.

—Source: Southern Living

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Apple Snapple Oatmeal

- 1 apple, chopped

3 cups apple juice or 3 cups sugar-free apple cider mix and 3 cups water

- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 1/3 cups oatmeal
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds

Mix ingredients in saucepan. Bring to a boil. Turn heat to low and simmer 5 minutes. Serve in bowl with milk.

Makes 4 servings.

Pineapple Muffins

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 cup margarine, softened
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup finely chopped pineapple

Beat together sugar, peanut butter and margarine in bowl until light and fluffy.

Stir in milk and eggs.

Stir flour, baking soda and pineapple into batter, until just moistened.

Spoon into paper

cupcake holders.

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center comes out clean

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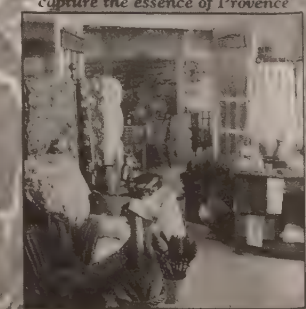
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Amuse your guests with pre-dinner treats

By William Rice
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

There's no telling what will use fun-loving French chefs. In addition to grafting trendy ingredients onto classic recipes in recent years, they have been playing with language, re-christening and techniques and making word jokes.

For example, consider those pre-dinner treats known formally as hors d'oeuvre, literally "titillate the palate." These are tasty off-the-menu tidbits some restaurants offer without charge as a welcome to guests. Usually small in size and served in small quantities, they are served along with aperitifs or cocktails. A luxury item in a luxury restaurant, but the chefs could not resist tweaking their upper-class clientele by altering the name to amuse-gueule, a French term for a gourmet's palate, but in a gutter slang, gueule being a gutter slang for a throat that bourgeois would find very vulgar.

Historically, the practice has been so widespread in recent years that these treats now are referred to simply as amuse, without the "hors" or the "gueule." Here's an opportunity to enjoy two of them at Chicago restaurants at home in larger quantity. Jean Joho is owner of Everest; Eric Aubriot is owner of Aubriot.

Jean Joho's Cauliflower Fondant
Amuse or six first-course servings

1 pound cauliflower florets
1/2 cup olive oil (kosher)
1/2 cup cold heavy cream
1/2 cup curry powder
1/2 cup salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
1/2 cup minced dill
1/2 cup butter, the best you are willing to use

Bring a pot of water to a boil, salt and the cauliflower florets simmer until completely soft, about 15 minutes. Meanwhile, whip cream until firm and refrigerate. Drain cauliflower and return to saucepan. Stir over low heat to 5 minutes to evaporate excess moisture.

Transfer cauliflower to the bowl of a blender and puree until smooth. Season with curry, salt and pepper. Scrape the puree into a metal bowl and place bowl containing ice and water gently until puree is chilled, about 15 minutes. Fold in the whipped cream. You will have about 3 cups of fondant.

Refrigerate, covered, for at least two hours. If serving amuse, fill the bowl with a large spoon with puree by piping it through the tip of a pastry bag. Sprinkle with dill and top with a clump of caviar. Refrigerate, covered, for at least two hours.

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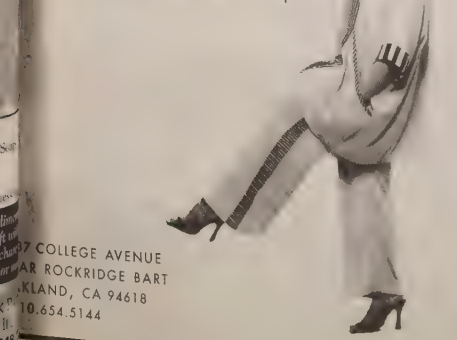


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CAULIFLOWER FONDANT topped with caviar, by Jean Joho.

ing one per person. If serving a course, fill six chilled demitasse cups with the fondant, garnish with dill and top with caviar.

Eric Aubriot's Sautéed Whitefish With Fava Beans and Carrot

Eight amuse or two main-course servings

- 1 piece (8 ounces) whitefish
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1/2 pound fava beans, shelled, or 1 cup frozen baby lima beans
- 1/2 cup frozen chopped chives plus extra for garnish
- 1/4 cup carrot juice
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil such as canola

1. Cut the whitefish into eight

pieces without removing the skin. Season with salt and pepper and

set aside.

2. In a small pan of boiling,

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salted water, blanch the fava beans for about 4 minutes. Drain and immediately transfer to a bowl of ice water to stop the cooking. Drain again, remove the skin and discard. Season beans with salt, pepper and chives and set aside.

3. Heat the carrot juice without boiling it. Blend the two oils. Using an electric hand blender or food processor, slowly incorporate 1/4 cup of the blender oil into the juice. It

should form an emulsion. Set aside.

4. Heat remaining oil in a non-stick skillet and cook the fish, starting with the skin side down and turning once, 3 to 4 minutes. If desired, remove skin.

5. Scatter favas on eight small plates or two dinner plates. Spoon tepid sauce over the beans and top with a piece of fish and garnish with chives. Serve at once.

How to make dishwasher fish

By Wendy Lin
NEWSDAY

Most folks don't think of turning to their dishwashers when it's time to cook dinner, but we used it recently to make terrific fish.

The origins of dishwasher fish are unknown. Versions have been circulating on the Internet for years, tested and vouched for by many people. We decided, nonetheless, to try it for ourselves.

Because we were trying to save heat and not merely substitute one heating method for another, we actually did a load of dishes while we cooked the fish. The results were impressive: The fish was cooked to moist and tender perfection without any trace of soap. And, the dishes didn't smell like fish.

The directions are simple: Start with a 2- to 3-pound fish, preferably salmon, and a bunch of dill. Wrap the fish along with the dill very tightly in aluminum foil. (Note: A Reynolds Hot Bag is ideal for this, although home economists at Reynolds we talked to refused to take any responsibility for this recipe. The regular-size bags are fine

for a 2-pound fish; you'll need the large bag for fish 3 or more pounds.)

Place the wrapped fish on the top rack of dishwasher. Load the rest of the dishwasher as usual, add soap and run the dishwasher. The KitchenAid dishwasher we used to test this recipe takes slightly more than 80 minutes to complete a normal cycle.

When the dishes are done, remove the fish, discard the dill and place on a serving platter.

Chill in refrigerator for several hours or overnight. Serve with yogurt dill sauce. (Recipe follows.)

Yogurt dill sauce
1 cup yogurt, preferably whole milk

1/4 cup minced dill
Juice of 1/2 lemon
1 teaspoon curry powder
1 tablespoon honey mustard
1. Drain yogurt in a strainer lined with cheesecloth, if possible. Add dill, lemon juice, curry and mustard, stirring to combine.
2. Chill several hours or overnight. Makes 1 cup sauce.

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RIBS

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At that point, everything had gone so smoothly, I went into the kitchen to finish the salad. Mel went to his house, five minutes from ours, to get the frozen yogurt he planned to serve with dessert, a luscious summer fruit compote he'd whipped up that morning.

Before he left, he turned over the barbecue duty to Phil and Tom. Mel hadn't been gone more than 30 seconds, when flames totally consumed the ribs. Smoke filled the yard, along with the scent of burning peanut butter and pork. The gas grill must have been a whole lot hotter than the charcoal.

Because there was no water-filled spritzer bottle handy, the flames were doused with a saucer of water. Mel returned to find ribs that were as black as a rookie cadet's new boots.

Tom and Phil, having guzzled a glass or two of wine to calm their nerves, took the offensive.

"Mel, why do you start a fire every time you cook?" Tom kidded.

"Heck, no matter what you do, you can't screw up this dinner," Mel

replied in a philosophical tone.

And as usual, Mel was right. Even though the Pork Baby Back Ribs With Spicy Peanut Butter Slather looked like the charred remains of a devastating forest fire, they tasted pretty good. Maybe not as divine as the apricot-glazed wonders or the Best Chinese tidbits. But good.

It's the kind of feast that's made for outdoor entertaining. Keep the side dishes simple and provide piles of paper napkins.

And maintain a low, slow heat under those ribs. The lower the heat, the more juicy and tender they'll be.

Oh, and don't forget to place a spray bottle full of water next to the grill, just in case.

Use the following marinades on any kind of ribs you prefer: pork, beef or lamb. My preference is pork ribs.

Spareribs are the ribs from the side or underbelly. Pork baby back ribs are cut from the loin or back section. Hugh Carpenter calls baby backs the Rolls-Royce of ribs. They have more meat and less fat than most ribs. He advises that consumers take a close look at the ribs before buying them; find the meatiest available. He suggests that you

ask the butcher for advice about which meat supplier sells the meatiest baby backs.

Country-style spareribs are meaty pieces from the rib end of the pork loin, and each piece has a small bone. Boneless country-style spareribs are cut from the pork butt. Before grilling country-style spareribs, always trim the excess fat.

Carpenter says that these marinades are delicious for chicken, sea bass or pork tenderloins as well as ribs.

I've also included a guilt-free recipe for a barley salad. As a side dish, it pairs nicely with the rich ribs. Or if some of your guests are vegetarians, it can be a delectable main course.

Toasted Barley Salad With Red Bell Pepper and Grilled Portobellos

1/2 cup pearl barley
1 1/2 cups canned vegetable broth
1 large, fresh poblano or Anaheim chili; see cook's note
1 small red bell pepper
2 large plum tomatoes, seeded and chopped
1 cup fresh corn kernels
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
1/4 cup chopped green onions
2 1/2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

2 tablespoons olive oil
Nonstick olive-oil spray
4 small portobello mushrooms, sometimes called portobellini, stems removed.
Baby spinach leaves

Cook's note: Use caution when handling fresh chilies, taking care not to touch face or eyes and washing carefully afterward.

1. Place barley in large, heavy-bottomed saucepan. On medium-high heat, brown barley, shaking pan occasionally, about 10 minutes. Carefully add broth to pan because it can splatter; bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and simmer until barley is tender and broth is absorbed, about 35 minutes. Uncover and allow barley to cool.

2. Place chili and red bell pepper on a baking sheet that has been lined with aluminum foil. Place 6-8 inches below preheated broiler element. Rotate to char on all sides. Remove from oven; pull up sides of foil to enclose peppers for 5 minutes. When cool enough to handle, peel, seed and dice.

3. Place barley, chili and bell pepper in large bowl. Add tomatoes and next 5 ingredients; toss to blend. Season to taste with salt and pepper. (Can be prepared to this point 1 day in advance.)

4. Spray mushrooms with nonstick spray; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Grill until cooked through, about 3 minutes per side. Transfer to work surface; slice thinly.

Presentation: Arrange spinach leaves on each of 6 plates. Top with barley mixture. Arrange 1 sliced mushroom along each plate's side.

Yield: 6 servings
Nutritional information (per serving): 158 calories, 6.3 grams protein, 25.3 grams carbohydrates, 5.5 grams fat, 31 percent calories from fat, no cholesterol, 287 milligrams sodium

Source: Adapted from Bon Appetit, August 1998

Ribs Crusted With Apricot Glaze

2 sides pork baby back ribs or your favorite ribs
16 dried apricots
1 1/2 cups apricot nectar
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup distilled white vinegar

1/2 cup water
1-2 tablespoons Asian
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup finely minced
3 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons white
seeds
2 green onions, green
parts minced
1/4 cup minced cilantro

Preliminaries: Remove brine from underside of ribs in rectangular baking pan. 1. In a small, heavy-bottomed saucepan, combine apricot nectar, sugar, vinegar, water, salt, ginger and garlic. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to simmer and cook 30 minutes. 2. Place sesame seeds in electric blender until smooth. Transfer to bowl.

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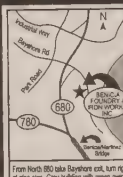
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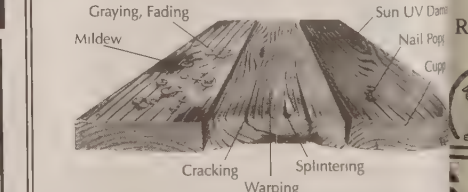
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greased skillet and toast over medium heat until golden. Add same seeds, green onion and anito to apricot mixture.
3. Coat ribs evenly on both sides with half glaze. Marinate ribs, refrigerated, at least 15 minutes. For more flavor, marinate up to 8 hours.
4. Serve remaining glaze to use as sauce for ribs.

4. Preheat grill. If using gas grill, heat to 325 degrees. If using charcoal or wood, prepare fire.

5. Grill 1 hour-1 1/4 hours, basting with extra sauce (stop basting minutes before removing ribs from grill).

Presentation: Cut into individual ribs. Serve accompanied with reserved sauce (not sauce used to marinate ribs).

Yield: 4 main-course servings
Nutritional information (per serving): 586 calories, 25.7 grams protein, 51.7 grams carbohydrates, 31 grams fat, 48 percent calories from fat, 119 milligrams cholesterol, 441 milligrams sodium
Source: "The Great Rib Book" by Hugh Carpenter and Teri Sandison (Ten Speed Press, 1999, \$14.95)

Best Chinese Baby Back

2 sides pork baby back ribs or favorite type of ribs
1/2 cup hoisin sauce
1/2 cup plum sauce
1/2 cup oyster sauce
1/4 cup red or white wine
1/4 cup honey
2 tablespoons dark soy sauce

2 tablespoons dry sherry or Chinese rice wine
1 tablespoon dark sesame oil
1 tablespoon Asian chili sauce
1/2 teaspoon five spice powder
1 tablespoon grated or finely minced orange zest (colored part of peel)
10 cloves garlic, finely minced
1/4 cup finely minced fresh ginger

1/4 cup finely minced green onion, green and white parts
Preliminaries: Remove membrane from underside of ribs. Place in rectangular baking dish.

1. To make sauce, combine all ingredients (except ribs); stir well to combine.

2. Coat ribs evenly on both sides with marinade. Marinate ribs, refrigerated for at least 15 minutes. For more flavor, marinate up to 8

hours.
3. Preheat grill. If using gas grill, heat to 325 degrees. If using charcoal or wood, prepare fire.

4. Grill ribs 1 hour-1 1/4 hours, basting with extra sauce (stop basting 15 minutes before removing ribs from grill).

Presentation: Cut into individual ribs. Serve.

Yield: 4 main-course servings
Nutritional information (per serving, based on half the marinade staying on ribs): 720 calories, 27.8 grams protein, 54 grams carbohydrates, 36.3 grams fat, 45 percent calories from fat, 119 milligrams cholesterol, 3,275 milligrams sodium

Source: "The Great Rib Book" by Hugh Carpenter and Teri Sandison (Ten Speed Press, 1999, \$14.95)

Pork Baby Back Ribs With Spicy Peanut Butter Slather
2 sides pork baby back ribs or your favorite ribs
1/2 cup chunky peanut butter, salted
1/2 cup dry sherry or Chinese rice wine
1/4 cup dark soy sauce

1/4 cup red or white wine vinegar
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup vegetable or canola oil
2 tablespoons dark sesame oil
2 tablespoons Asian chili sauce
Grated zest of 1 lime

6 cloves garlic, finely minced
1/4 cup finely minced fresh ginger
1/4 cup minced green onion,

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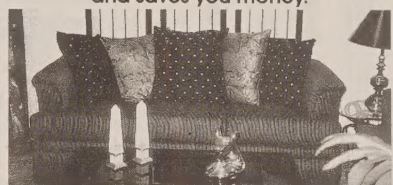
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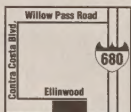
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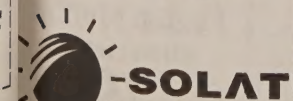
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Hugh Carpenter's rib grilling rules

• Use a gas or charcoal grill large enough to hold a side of ribs. Be sure it has a tight-fitting lid to trap in all the smoky essences.

• Buy a rib rack. It stands the ribs upright, so that you can cook several at a time. And if the heat gets too high, usually only the bone ends touching the grill will scorch. Most barbecue stores and some hardware stores sell rib racks. Weber's Rib Rack is about \$14.99 and Ducane's Potato and Rib Rack is about \$9.95.

• Before marinating ribs, remove the membrane from the nonmeaty underside. You can ask the butcher to remove it or remove it yourself. To remove it, place ribs meaty side down on a flat surface. Using your fingernail, loosen a little of the membrane along the end of the last rib bone. Grasp the membrane firmly with a paper towel. Holding the ribs down with the other hand, pull membrane away. If it doesn't pull in one piece, dislodge any remaining membrane, grip it with a paper towel and pull away.

• For charcoal grills, use charcoal briquettes that start easily and provide a steady heat. Although lump hardwood charcoal and hard

Safety tips for grilling

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Food-safety tips for grilling:

- Stop basting meat with marinade 15 minutes before the end of grilling. (Any marinade added after that point wouldn't have enough time to heat and kill contaminants.) Discard any leftover marinade that has been used to marinate raw meat.
- To avoid cross-contamina-

tion, do not use the same dishes for raw and cooked foods unless they are thoroughly washed and dried after the raw food is removed.

• If spatula or tongs have been used on raw meat, wash and dry them before using on cooked meat. Some folks heat the end that touched the raw meat next to the coals.

wood such as oak provide superior flavor, these burn very hot and fast and are more likely to burn ribs.

• Regulate the temperature by raising or lowering the gas flames or with charcoal fires, by opening or closing vents. It's always better to err on the side of low heat; the ribs just take longer to cook. The heat is the right temperature if, when you place your open hand about 3 inches above the fire, you're forced to remove your hand from the heat at the count of "1001, 1002, 1003."

• To add an intense flavor to ribs, add hardwood chips. Soak about one cup hardwood chips in cold water 30 minutes; drain. Scatter

ter chips over charcoal just before grilling. On gas grills, place soaked and drained chips on a layer of aluminum foil and position this on one corner of the cooking grate. Wait until wood begins to smoke before grilling.

• When are they done? Grill ribs until meat begins to shrink from the ends of the rib bones. Approximate grilling times: pork baby back ribs and country-style ribs, about 1 1/4 hours; spare ribs, about 1 1/2 hours; beef ribs, 1 hour; lamb ribs, about 40 minutes.

• Never cut into individual ribs until ready to serve. To carve, hold meat down on the cutting board with tongs while cutting.

brane from underside of ribs. Place in rectangular baking dish.

1. To make marinade, combine all ingredients and stir well.

2. Coat ribs evenly on both sides with marinade. Marinate ribs, refrigerated, at least 15 minutes. For more flavor, marinate up to 8 hours.

3. Preheat grill. If using gas grill,

heat to 325 degrees. If using charcoal or wood, prepare fire.

4. Grill 1 hour-1 1/4 hours, basting with extra sauce (stop basting 15 minutes before removing ribs from grill).

Presentation: Cut into individual ribs. Serve.

Yield: 4 servings

RIBS

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1/4 cup minced cilantro

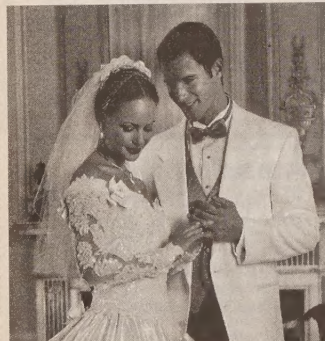
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Santa Barbara adapts Greek cuisine to California

Cuisine uses local ingredients to create delicious Greek dishes

By Barbara Hansen
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Foreign cuisines that arrive in the United States inevitably adapt to local ingredients. Although retaining that important taste of home, they acquire new flavors, and preparation often becomes easier, thanks to American shortcuts. This is what has happened in the Greek community of Santa Barbara. Cooks there have incorporated dried tomatoes, balsamic vinegar, avocados and other nontraditional foods into classical dishes. Moussaka might turn up with brown rice instead of meat. Pasta is served on Greek seasonings. And Bisquick speeds up the making of fried pastries called "loukathes" and one version of the

nut cake "karithopita."

These innovations appear along with conventional dishes in "The Greek Feast Santa Barbara Style" (Olympus Press, \$14.95).

The book contains more than 200 recipes from the congregation of the St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church.

It is out just in time for the 26th annual Santa Barbara Greek Festival Saturday and Sunday. Recipes for popular festival dishes such as yogurt cake, baklava and the syrup-soaked cookies called "melomakarona" are included.

The book was a project of the St. Barbara Philoptochos Society, a parish organization.

More than 15 years ago, the church produced an earlier cookbook. In addition to new dishes, the current book updates some of the older recipes.

"Cooks today are a little less anxious to pour a lot of butter in things," says Vivian Pahas, who led in collecting recipes.

The Santa Barbara Greek community numbers about 280 families from all parts of Greece.

Regional specialties include

seafood dishes from the islands, meatballs from Smyrna, cheese rolls from Crete and recipes from the north, where corn is a staple.

One of these is a spinach pie that replaces filo dough with a cornmeal paste that is either mixed with the spinach or layered separately.

Boxed inserts scattered throughout the book explain customs and cooking procedures, such as how to cure olives, preserve grape leaves, dye Greek Easter eggs and roast a whole lamb on a spit.

The grape leaf box suggests decorating stuffed grape leaves with nasturtium flowers as well as experimenting with the plant's leaves as wrappers.

"The Greek Feast Santa Barbara Style"

The cookbook can be ordered by mail. The \$17.95 price includes \$3 for shipping.

Make checks payable to the St. Barbara Philoptochos Society and send to the society at St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, 1205 San Antonio Creek Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93111.

Taramole

Classic Greek "taramosalata" plus avocado equals taramole. Tarama is available at Greek delis.

2 cups cubed bread, crusts removed, from day-old French or Italian bread

1 (5-ounce) jar tarama (fish roe)

1 small onion, chopped

1 cup olive oil

Juice of 2 lemons

1 large avocado

Soak bread in water, then squeeze gently with your hands; it will still be very damp.

Place tarama in blender and blend at low speed until smooth and creamy.

Add onion and bread and blend at high speed until light and creamy. Add olive oil and lemon juice and blend at low speed until well mixed.

Pit avocado and mash flesh. Add 1 cup tarama mixture and mix well.

Serve as dip or spread.

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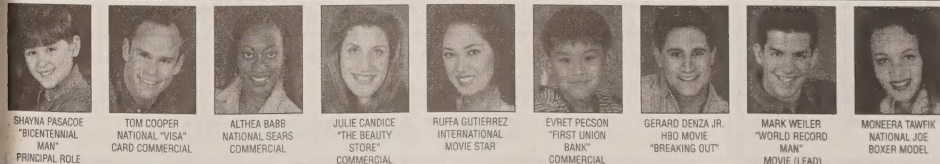
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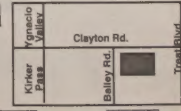
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